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# England return to five nations as TV clash is settled

BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE five nations' championship, the oldest and most popular competition in the world of rugby union, was saved yesterday at a meeting between representatives of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. The championship, which started in 1909 with the addition of France, was in danger because the three Celtic nations threatened to expel England for breaking a gentlemen's agreement over the negotiation of broadcasting rights. That decision

would have been taken in Dublin next Monday, when the other countries were due to announce an alternative tournament excluding

England.
However, seven senior figures from the home unions met until 2.10 am yesterday in the offices of the International Rugby Football Board in Bristol to achieve a resolution. The meeting, which took place with the knowledge of France, "resulted in an accord which has saved the five nations' championship for the coming season and for the foreseeable future," a statement

said. The resolution of a potentially disastrous dispute for the European game will be welcomed by rugby supporters throughout the world, though many may ask why such a damaging debate lasted so long. It was generally recognised that the break-up of the championship would remove the most attractive and commercially viable of competi-

tions from the sporting calendar.

The deal is fair and equitable for England," said Colin Herridge, the RFU treasurer, although full details will not be revealed until Monday. However it is understood that the

union's broadcasting deal with BSkyB has not been compromised - after this season half the five-nations matches are likely to be seen live on a terrestrial channel and half on satellite - nor has the money promised to the top 24 clubs in

England been affected.

"Resolving the five nations' issue must help in the jigsaw problems that we face," Tony Hallett, the RFU secretary, said with reference to the dispute between his union and England's leading clubs, whose players boycotted an international training session on Wednesday . "It

is a major achievement by the negotiators. It is a weight off our shoulders and a help that we are not fighting battles on so many fronts." The boycott, by 42 members of

England's 43-strong training squad. affected preparations for the pre-Christmas internationals against Italy, the New Zealand Barbarians and Argentina. The players responded to appeals for support from their employers, the 24 top clubs who make up the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs, the exception being the uncapped Cov-entry prop, Rob Hardwick, who

declared himself entitled to make up

his own mind on the issue. The sport in Britain was, and remains, largely unprepared for the advent just over a year ago of professionalism. In the wake of the game going open, the Rugby Foot-ball Union (RFU), governing body for rugby in England, negotiated a five-year agreement worth £87.5m. with BSkyB, the satellite broadcasting company which is paragraph by News International, owners of

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nounced yesterday that he

would undergo a heart opera-

tion later this month to treat an affliction that has dogged his presidency for more than a

year and left in doubt his

In a startling announce-ment, the first of its kind in

Russian history by a head of

state, the Kremlin leader said

in a television interview that he had decided to opt for the

operation after doctors had

diagnosed heart disease and

offered him the choice of

based on truth here, that

means no longer hiding what we used to hide," said the

Russian leader, referring to

his decision to go public about

"I have undergone routine checks and during these

checks they have found some-

thing wrong with my heart.

Recommendations of doctors,

our doctors, were for an

operation or to work in a

passive way," he said. "I do

not want to go anywhere abroad. Our Moscow Cardio-

logical Centre is capable of

During the interview, con-

ducted at a presidential dacha

north of Moscow, President

performing such operations."

his illness and the operation.

"I want to have a society

treatment or bypass surgery.

ability to rule Russia.



'Irs called rugby - all you need is lawyers and accountants and TV rights"

sickly. He spoke slowly and at

times seemed to lose track of what he was trying to say. The impression left by the

interview is bound to renew

fears that the Kremlin leader.

re-elected to office in July, will

not be able to serve out his

four-year term. There are al-

ready distinct signs of a power

vaccuum at the top of Russian

politics and the prospect of his

further absence from office

could ignite a leadership

But the Kremlin leader was

forced to break with the tradi-

tion of secrecy around the

health of the head of state in

an effort to silence growing

and rumours that he was

two heart seizures last year,

but managed to recover to

fight an energetic election campaign earlier this year.

However, he has practically

disappeared from public since

July. He did emerge briefly for

his inauguration ceremony

last month, but otherwise has

been seen in carefully edited

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President Yeltsin suffered

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# Major called as witness in libel case

BY ALICE THOMSON AND FRANCES GIBB

JOHN MAJOR and Michael Heseltine have been asked to appear as witnesses in a El million libel case starting on the eve of the Conservative Party conference next month. They have been subpoenaed

by The Guardian newspaper, along with the Cabinet Secretary Sir Robin Butler and the iormer Chief Whip Richard Ryder, to give evidence in a Hamilton, the Conservative MP for Tatton.

If he attended, Mr Major would be the first Prime Minister to be required to give evidence in court - although his lawyers may contest the subpoena on the ground that ministers cannot be compelled to answer questions bearing parliamentary

proceedings. Even so, the timing of the case is likely to be a severe embarrassment to the Conservatives, who had hoped that their Bournemouth conference would be a perfect launchpad for a spring general election campaign Instead, Labour could be handed a propaganda gift with the accusations of sleaze that are bound to be made during a High Court hearing that is expected to last

Mr Hamilton is suing The Guardian over allegations that he was paid by the Harrods owner Mohammed al Fayed to ask parliamentary questions. He was forced to resign as trade minister over the issue in 1994 and he left office protesting that he was a victim of foully motivated rumour and a media

Mr Hamilton and the former Ulster minister Tim Smith asked 22 questions between them about Mr al Fayed's battle with Tiny Rowland of Lonrho. Mr Smith also resigned in the wake of The Guardian's allegations and has since kept a low profile, making it clear that he does

not intend to sue. Mr Hamilton, on the other hand, has gone to the extent of

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Hamilton: suing over "media witchhunt"

getting the law changed so that he can proceed with his case, which was halted when it first came to court last year. Having done so, the hearing had been expected to go ahead next year and The Guardian's Editor, Alan Rusbridger, was at pains to point out yesterday that it had been brought forward to coincide with the Tory conference at Mr Hamilton's behest.

Explaining the decision to issue the subpoenas, Mr Rusbridger said: "The Prime Minister is a material witness. The Prime Minister dearly has some knowledge of why Mr Hamilton resigned.

We did not want the case brought during the Tory party conference, that is at Mr Hamilton's request. The timing is all his. We regret that it is causing the party embar-rassment. That is Mr Hamilton's lookout."

Mr Major, who was visiting Lancashire yesterday, said: "I don't anticipate missing any of the conference, but I don't know. The first I heard about it was this morning."

Mr Hamilton made no comment yesterday, other than to say it was rubbish that he was being financed by wealthy supporters. However, friends said that the only reason The Guardian wanted to call the Prime Minister was to embroil the whole Government in the

The Tory hierarchy has

been trying for months to persuade Mr Hamilton to settle out of court, but his friends said: "He hasn't overturned 300 years of constitu-tional history to chicken out

Mr Hamilton sought to change the law after difficulties relating to parliamentary privilege led to the case being delayed last summer. He arthe 300-year-old Bill of Rights prevented him giving evidence on statement he had made in the Commons, and claimed that he could clear his name and resurrect his career only if he were allowed to waive his privilege.

He took his campaign to Parliament, which backed him by passing an amend-ment to the Defamation Act to allow MPs to waive their privilege. That took effect

yesterday.
Now The Guardian's subpoenas are certain to prompt further wrangling over the powers of Parliament and the courts. If the ministers argue that they cannot be forced to answer questions about parliamentary proceedings, the newspaper's lawyers are likely to counter that their evidence would not relate directly to such proceedings.

But even if such an argument succeeded and the ministers appeared in court, they might then decline to answer specific questions by claiming

parliamentary privilege.

There is also a problem over timing: the court could not compel MPs to appear while Parliament was sitting nor even when attendance would impinge on parliamentary business — which could be taken to include constituency

If, on the other hand, the ministers succeeded in setting aside the subpoenas. The Guardian might then return to court to argue that it could not obtain a fair trial and that proceedings - which are expected to cost more than £1 million — should be stopped.

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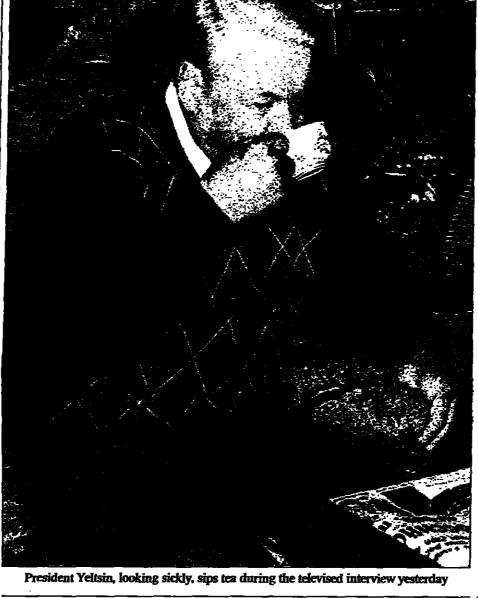
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experiments.



## £114m Morgan holdings sold

Holdings worth £114 million were sold by private investors when dealings in the three Morgan Grenfell unit trusts being investigated by Imro restarted. The price of the funds fell about 3.5 per cent. In the previous six months, they had fallen by 14 per cent. Morgan Grenfell held out no promise of compensation for .....Page 23

# Child sex inquiry

Police have asked 400 former residents of a children's home in Cardiff to telephone them urgently on a confidential line, as they begin investigating alleged sexual and physical abuse there. A team of ten male and female detectives will be answering the calls in an attempt to crack a suspected ring of child molesters in

# Turkey attacks rebel Kurds in safe area

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

TURKISH warplanes atrebel Turkish Kurds inside the Kurdish safe area of northern traq last night. Farther south, near Arbil, renewed fighting erupted between rival Iraqi Kurdish factions.

Turkey described the air raids as a limited operation but they were seen as a prelude to a cross-border ground offensive. The raids followed an announcement from Ankara that it would carve out a buffer zone up to six miles deep and 200 miles long inside northern fraq to guard against attacks by some 3,000 fighters of the Kurdistan Workers' Party, the PKK.

Turkey insisted that it has no designs on Iraqi territory

and said it had notified its Western allies about the plan. But there will be concern that any incursion by Turkey, a Nato member and key American ally, could embolden Iras and Iran to send forces into northern Iraq in pursuit of their own interests. They will cry double standards if Washington turns a blind eye to a Turkish offensive," said a

European envoy in Tehran. The hardline PKK has used bases inside northern Iraq for strikes into Turkey as part of its bloody 12-year campaign for an independent homeland. Turkey lears it has been strengthened by the turmoil which erupted at the weekend.

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pects of profits are very high

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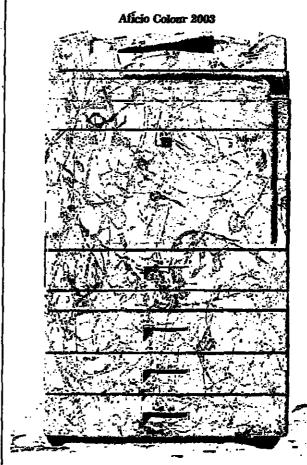
received commendations for

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DTI office in Plymouth. A

secondary benefit of the pro-

gramme would have been to



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# Researchers may have to shell out for piddock project

By Nigel Hawkes SCIENCE EDITOR

A RESEARCH project to find ways to raise luminous creatures in captivity has come to a standstill because the scientists paid themselves no salaries. Dr Robert and Dr Jan Knight, of Knight Scientific in Plymouth, were given £500,000 by the Department of Trade and Industry to raise the piddock, a creature rather like a mussel which lives in

holes along the sea-shore. Once common, it is now endangered and finding a way of raising it in captivity would

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The research was on the verge of completion when the department said that not paying themselves a salary was against the rules. It has reemployed. If we are forced to pay back the money it would be the end of our company and fused to pay the last part of the agreed grant, and has threat-

The piddock: glowing

ened to insist that the Knights pay back up to £60,000. "We haven't got the money," Dr Robert Knight said yesterday. "It's been spent on the project. Now we have been forced to lay off four people we the end of us. We might have minescence, said: "The prosto sell our house." The DTI would not comment. Pholasin is sensitive to the

state of the white cells in the blood, and so might be used as a sensitive monitor of the development of an illness. When the white cells are activated to fight disease, they produce free radicals — highly reactive species - which make

Tests at the Neckar Hopsital

protect the piddock, whose proper name, Pholus dactylus, means "finger lurking in a hole". Once so plentiful that the pholasin glow. Pliny wrote in amazement of the glow left on the hands and mouths of people who are it, it is now extinct in the Mediter-

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in Paris had proved that the method worked, and Professor Frank McCapra of Sussex University, an expert in biolu-

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Ethiopian

wins right

to challenge

benefit curb

An Ethiopian woman won the right yesterday to attempt another challenge to the Government's curb on benefits for asylum seekers after claiming that she had been

unlawfully barred from in-

come support. The woman,

known only as Ms T. claimed

asylum in February, before

the Asylum and Immigrant

Bill became law. She and the

Joint Council for the Welfare

of Immigrants claimed that

the Act could not be applied

retrospectively. If she wins,

5.000 to 10.000 asylum appli-

cants could be entitled to

urgent payments while their

applications are determined.

Emergency telephone lines to provide advice to patients

seeking immediate hospital

care should be introduced to

help to ease the pressure on

casualty departments, the

BMA said. The hotlines.

staffed by nurses, would ad-

vise patients whether they

needed to come in, go to out-

patients or to their GP.

Patient callers

# Labour attacked for 'irresponsible' proposal to cut basic tax rate to 10p in the pound

# Clarke boasts of families' £700 gain under Tories

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

KENNETH CLARKE led the Tory assault on Labour's tax policy yesterday, claiming that the average family will be £700 a year better off by the general election.

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The Chancellor prompted speculation of tax cuts in the Budget by giving an upbeat assessment of the economy. Meanwhile the Prime Minister sought to kill speculation of a snap election by insisting he would not go to the country

until next year. A buoyant Mr Clarke reiterated the Government's commitment to lowering the basic tax rate to 20p in the pound and derided Gordon Brown's proposal of a 10p rate as "irresponsible". But Mr Clarke refused to rule out increases in indirect taxation, suggesting that he still has little room for manoeuvre.

Unveiling a new "demon eyes" poster on the theme of New Labour, New Taxes, with the eyes peeping out of a woman's purse, the Chancellor said: "As night follows day, the tax burden would rise if Britain ever elected a Labour government. Labour have got their eyes on the average family's £700 a year of extra

spending money."

Mr Clarke and Brian Mawhinney, the Tory party chairman, argued that new Labour was more "cunning and sly" than its previous incarnation. The two men

the last general election. Mr Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, retaliated by saying that the Tories were still lying about Labour on tax. After unveiling Labour's own poster on the 22 new Tory taxes since 1992, he said: Today Kenneth Clarke and John Major are themselves descending into the lies and smears that have characterised the Tory party chairman's summer campaign."

made clear that Labour's tax

plans would be made just as big an issue in the next

They highlighted hidden

taxes such as the "tartan tax"

in Scotland, the "teenage tax"

- referring to Labour's review

on child benefit for 16-19 year

olds - the "windfall tax" on

privatised utilities and the

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Labour's plans to remove tax

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Mr Clarke said that Trea-

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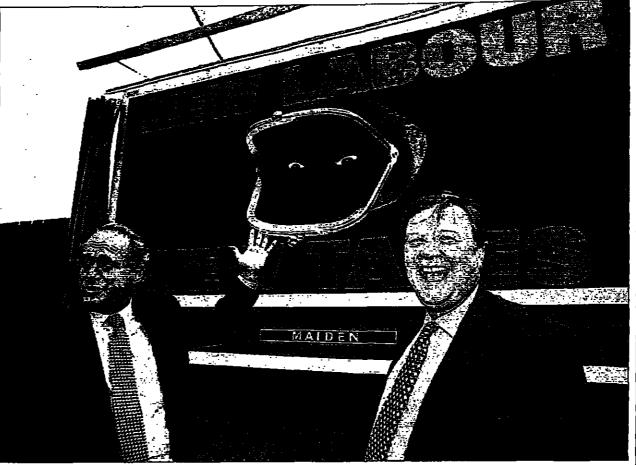
next year the annual takehome pay of the average family would have risen £700

in real terms since just before

surance for pensioners.

election as in the last.

Mr Brown also seized on Mr Clarke's failure to rule out further increases in indirect taxation. "Once again, Mr Clarke has confirmed his addiction to VAT and his inten-



The eyes have it again: Brian Mawhinney and Kenneth Clarke present the latest poster in the Tory campaign

tion to put VAT on food, children's clothes and newspapers," he said.

At a news conference yesterday. Mr Clarke backed the principle of moving from direct to indirect taxation. But he fuelled speculation that the the 20p band may be extended in the November Budget by arguing that getting a quarter of the population onto a 20p rate had helped to "dynamise" the British economy. Insisting that the Tories

have made absolutely clear that the target is to deliver a starting rate of 20p. It is credible, within sight, and will be achieved as long as public finances allow it." In response to Mr Clarke's

were now back to their tax-

cutting agenda, he said: "I

claim that the average family had £700 more to spend this year than at the last election, Mr Brown said Treasury Secretary Waldegrave had stated that living standards fell last year. Mr Brown said: "We know that people are paying £2,000 more in tax since 1992. We know they have suffered 22 tax rises, that VAT has been imposed on fuel, National Insurance has been raised. and mortgage tax relief cut, despite all the promises made in 1992 by the Conservatives

that they would cut taxes year on year." ☐ Kenneth Clarke infuriated porting a letter from businessmen warning John Major against yielding to pressure to

4's Today programme that he fully supported the letter, from the chairman and chief executives of 15 international companies with combined sales of £150 billion, which said a decision to stay outside monetary union would be "deeply

IRA appeal lost rule out joining a single currency in the next Parliament. Mr Clarke told BBC Radio The Federal Court of Justice

in Germany upheld sentences of nine to 104 years against three IRA terrorists. Pauline and Donagh O'Kane and Patrick Murray, for bombing a British army barracks at Osnabrūck in 1989. They had been convicted of attempted murder and spy-ing with intent to sabotage.

#### Aid for girl

A 14-year-old from Teesside became the second schoolgiri to be granted legal aid to take her mother to court over her rights to see her brother and sister after leaving home to live with an aunt. On Wednesday the Teesside Family Panel dealt with a similar application from a 16-year-old girl from the same area.

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## Object lessons

Schoolchildren are to be given lessons in the art of complaining in an effort to improve the standard of public services. Teaching material aimed at 16 to 17-yearolds is expected to be sent out to schools before the end of the year to be used in citizenship

## Rights ruling

The Government was defeated in Europe yesterday when the European Commission on Human Rights ruled that it acted unfairly in reviewing life sentences. It ruled that the delay of 13 months in reviewing the case of a man jailed for murder had been a breach of his human rights.

## Partial eclipse

A partial eclipse of the sun next month will be visible across Britain. The eclipse is due to begin at 1.02 pm on October 12, with up to half of the sun cast in shadow by 2.18 pm. A total solar eclipse. visible from southern England, is scheduled for August

## Medal for poet

The Queen's 1996 Gold Medal for Poetry has been awarded to Peter Redgrove. Mr Redgrove. b4, from Falmouth, a prolific poet novelist and playwright for BBC radio, was recommended for the medal by a committee headed by the Poet Laureate. Ted Hughes.

## Stalker freed

A stalker whose victim suffered from clinical depression after he slashed her tyres and sent her more than 800 letters has been freed on probation. Gaetano Constanza, 32. who became obsessed with Louise Wilson. 23. had served two years on

## Skateboard ban

A winebar owner was found guilty of driving while disqualified after he was stopped riding a motorised skateboard to work. Robert Sawyer, 31, from Fulham, west London, rode a £600 skateboard with a tiny 20cc petrol engine, which police ciass as a motor vehicle.



# Bombastic exchanges obscure truth about the public finances

THE propaganda barrage between the parties on tax is vacuous, intellectually dishonest and no guide to what anyone will pay in tax after the election. Labour is trying to avoid losing the 1992 election again. while the Tories are ignoring the

Gordon Brown and the new Labour poster that

accuses the Tories of 22 tax rises since 1992

huge tax increases of 1993-95. The Tories are repeating their "tax bombshell" campaign of 1992, alleging that Labour's spending plans imply big tax increases. Ever since Gordon Brown became Shadow Chancellor four years ago, his main aim has been to remove the party's high spending and tax image. In one sense, that has been achieved. The pre-manifesto turned

the screw on new spending commitments apart from ones financed by transfers from other programmes Blair to claim that there are no proposals that require rises in

iceberg as in 1992. But there are several loose ends, like the utilities tax and the increasingly hypothetical question of a tax-raising Scottish parliament. Some of the Tory attempts to conjure up new Labour tax threats are far-fetched and others distort the meaning of tax. To describe Mr Brown's suggestion.

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or from the windfall tax on the utilities. This has enabled Tony

nersonal tax. There is no Labour spending

## RIDDELL ON POLITICS about reallocating child benefit paid

to some 16 to 18-year-olds as a teenage tax" is a misuse of lanaguage. It would mean, for instance, that the Government's changes in invalidity benefit could be described as a disability tax.

Labour may, however, have made a tactical mistake by repeating its long-term aspiration of having a starting tax rate of 15, or preferably 10, per cent. Even though the cost would depend on the width of the starting band, this inevitably raises questions about when, how much

and how it might be financed. But it is rich even for the rumbustious Kenneth Clarke to boast about the average family having £700 each year more to spend on top of inflation after paying their taxes when the Tories believe it is individuals, and not governments, who create such increases in wealth. The Tories' main contribution to this rise was cutting interest rates from the levels to which they had previously

had to be increased to curb inflation. The real question is not whether Labour's plans are genuine but

the state of the public finances under the Tories. Labour's premanifesto involves no increase in spending above existing plans, but these already imply much slower rates of growth on, for example, health than in recent years. So standards of provision would fall unless big savings can be found from elsewhere. This is incredible given the instinctive desire of many Labour MPs to spend more.

Instead of trying to repeat the mudslinging of 1992, the parties need to explain whether their spending plans can be sustained without

whether they can be maintained. higher taxes, especially since the big This is, in part, a commentary on tax increases of 1993-95 failed to eliminate the core Budget deficit. Whichever party is in office will find it hard to hold the tax burden at the current level, let alone produce a big cut, unless draconian, and so far unrevealed, measures are taken to rein back the public sector. That is what the Tories should be addressing, as the Liberal Democrats have been arguing from the side of the battlefield. The state of the public finances will determine the prospects for taxes far more than the

recent bombastic exchanges. PETER RIDDELL

#### **Straw promises** Wheelchair levy barmy, polls on 13 issues says Tebbit

By Dominic Kennedy

LORD Tebbit became an unlikely ally in Labour's campaign to remove VAT from wheelchairs and commodes yesterday.

The former Cabinet minister, whose wife was disabled in the Brighton bombing, attacked Customs and Excise for ordering the British Red Cross to charge 1712 per cent tax on hiring the items. Lab-our has seized on the decision as part of its new poster campaign using the slogan: "Same old Tories, same old lies: 22 new Tory taxes since

Many of the 70,000 people

who hire equipment because of accidents or short-term illness, now have to pay an extra £1 a week for a wheelchair or 50p for a commode. Lord Tebbit said: "It seems plain barmy to me. Here we are 23 years after VAT was imposed, and the Excise people are saying that the British Red Cross have had it wrong for 23 years. People don't hire wheelchairs or

commodes for fun.I hope the

Chancellor will tell them that

LABOUR leaders committed themselves yesterday to conducting up to 13 referendums within five years. The Labour leadership also made clear that the rolling programme of public votes on key issues will pave the way for more local. regional and national polls to gauge opinion. Labour's decision to under-

line its commitment to referendums comes days after fierce Tory assaults on the party's plans to hold two polls in Scotland over the setting up of a Scottish Assembly.

John Major intensified the attacks on the Scottish referen-

dum plans this week and Labour moved yesterday to kill off suggestions that the party might back away from staging plebiscites on wideranging issues.

Jack Straw, Shadow Home Secretary, said the moves to hold polls more frequently, together with a raft of other constitutional reforms, would give people a say where one is denied today".

Senior Tories denounced as "muddled and ill thought-out" a wide-ranging package of

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT reforms that includes plans to strip hereditary peers of their power to vote in the House of Lords. Controversial plans to hold twin Scottish referendums on devolution and taxraising powers for an assembly will mark only the start of a hectic referendum programme in Labour's first

term of office. The party confirmed that a further polls could be held for a devolved assembly in Wales, an elected body in London, proportional representation, a single currency in Europe, and whether to set up elected regional assemblies in seven English regions.

The plans to hold frequent referendums on the setting up of new assemblies are seen by Labour leaders as the key to increasing public confidence on central and local govern-ment. Mr Straw said: "We want to ensure that when these institutions are established they really have the consent of the people they are

representing."
The Labour Party said that no voter was likely to take part in more than four polls.

# they have got it wrong." Cook and Archer canvass expatriate vote in Israel

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

ROBIN COOK, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, and Lord of Weston-super-Mare, former deputy chairman of the Conservative Party, have been touring Israel in a battle to win over the estimated 35,000 people living there who remain eligible to vote in Britain.

"Anyone who has lived abroad for less than 20 years and remained on the electoral register can now vote by proxy." said Yigal Levine. managing director of the British Immigrants Association in Tel Aviv. "That is why we are suddenly receiving visits from politicians of this stature. It is nice to feel important. It is nice to be wooed."

Before Lord Archer arrived for a tour this week that has included public meetings in Jerusalem, Netanya and Ranana, as well as a speech to the Israel, Britain and the Commonwealth Association in Tel Aviv, Stuart Polak, director of into see Mr Netanyahu and he the Conservative Friends of

number of British voters in Israel is important." Not to be outdone, Labour dispatched Mr Cook for a tour ending today which included talks with Binyamin Netanyahu. the Israeli Prime Minister, Yassir Arafat, the President of the Palestinian Authority, and other senior figures, as well as a crowded

Israel explained: "Everyone is of the belief that the significant

meeting for potential expatriate voters at Labour Party headquarters in Tel Aviv. His

visit is to be followed by a

letter from Tony Blair to every Israel-based British citizen urging them to vote Labour. "I only bumped into Lord Archer once - as I was going

was coming out, having only seen one of his aides." Mr Cook said. "I rather relished In Britain, Labour is devel-

oping a project, under Derek Fatchett, Labour's chief Middle East spokesman, and Andrew Hood, a senior aide to Mr Cook, to "build bridges" between the party and the Jewish community. According to the Jewish Chronicle: "The moves reflect a growing real-isation that, while small in number, Jewish voters are significantly represented in



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# Nobleman was buried with Roman board game designed to last an eternity

# Opening gambit took 2,000 years to emerge

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

A MYSTERIOUS board game that kept the Romans amused down the centuries has been found laid out and ready to play in a 2.000-year-old burial

The find is remarkable because, although there is plenty of evidence of Roman games using boards and pieces, a complete game with the pieces set out has never before been found.

It also gives the strongest clues yet about how to play one of the most popular Roman games, whose rules committed to

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paper. "It is an immensely exciting discovery," said Phil-ip Crummy, of the Colchester Archaeological Trust, who is directing the dig at Stanway. where the ancient British nobility were buried. "It is the first time that a

game like this has been found virtually intact, and with all the pieces in place, just as they would have been in around the year AD 50. What makes it so special is that we have found the outline of the board as well. The original wood has rotted away and crumbled to dust but the edges, which were

Dr Irving Finkel believes that the game was a variant of Latrunculi, or little

soldiers, a popular Roman pastime depicted on a vase in the British Museum

Ancient Egyptians and the

Moors may have played too

Arab name for it was Qirkat,

which some people think was

the origin of the word

strategy and tactics in which

both players have an equal

number of pieces at the start.

Typically this is 12 on either

side by side, on the lines

lines, and the pieces can be

moved either diagonally or in

a straight line. They capture

have been diagonal

made of metal, are still there. We know that the Romans mainly played two types of ludo, with a dice, and the other was like chess or draughts." The Stanway find is thought to be the latter, and maybe a version of Latrunculi, or little

The game was buried along-side the bones of its owner, apparently to provide enter-tainment in the afterlife. It consisted of a hinged wooden chequerboard and 20 pieces, about the size of large chocoblue glass and ten of white. The first move had already been made. Last night Mr Crummy confirmed that another piece had been found, suggesting that there were 24 pieces in all. "What is a wee bit spooky is that all the pieces are set out as

if the game were about to

start," he said. "They are lined

up along each side of the board, with one blue and one white piece advanced." He said that finding the twenty-first piece was "a bit of a blow at first, but it will be good if we find the rest of the ces. A total of 24 pieces would fit the pattern of other

games that have been found previously."

The board itself, probably made of maple, has long since disappeared, but metal corners and a hinge in the centre have survived, enabling its size and shape to be worked out. The board was 55 centimetres by 40 (21in by 15in) and the pieces are lined up

along the longer sides.

The game is of Roman origin, though the burial site is that of a prominent British aristocrat of the period just before the Roman conquest under Claudius in AD 43. Romans had already been in Britain for almost a century, so it is no surprise to find native Britons playing Roman

Dr Irving Finkel, of the British Museum, says that from descriptions of what Mr Crummy has found, he believes the game to be a version of Latrunculi, a game of strategy played on boards of various sizes. "We have found boards scratched on rocks and drawn on vases," he said. "The Romans never wrote down the rules. They didn't need to;

everybody knew them. The important thing with this find is that the board and the men have turned up together. I don't think there is another example like that anywhere in the world. It's a verv important find."

He said that the object of Latrunculi appeared to have been to trap one of your opponent's pieces between two



Lisa Hepi, an archaeology student, working on the discovery at Stanway, Essex. Twenty of the glass pieces were in place, with the first move already made

of yours, thus taking it. The player left with the final piece was the winner. It was undoubtedly a game of strategy, though much simpler than chess. There was some evidence that part of the board was regarded as a citadel to be taken by the opponent.

Games travel with soldiers," Dr Finkel said. "They leap across borders. I suspect there were many local versions of this game, but how it was played we just don't

Only a fluke enabled the game to survive with its pieces barely moved from their original position, Mr Crummy said. It had been set up in a ied with the bones and personal possessions of a wealthy

and prominent person. "First we uncovered the whole row of the blue pieces."

'Wouldn't it be great if the white pieces were there as well? and then, like magic,

they appeared." The site is a quarry owned by Tarmac, which has sunported the excavation. Ian Findlater, regional director of Quarry Products, said: "We had hoped that the excavations would be successful, but we are amazed at what Philip Crummy and his team

# Midair lightning ordeal on jumbo flight

FROM BEN MACINTYRE

SEVERAL Britons were hurt yesterday when an Air France jumbo was struck by lightning over western Africa. Thirty people were injured when the plane, carrying 203 passengers and 18 crew, encountered severe turbulence over Burkina Faso.

Newlyweds Colm and Anne-Marie Conyingham were returning from their honeymoon in Durban. Mrs Conyingham, 25, was hurt when she fell back to the floor of the cabin. Describing her experience yesterday in the arrivals hall at Dublin Airport, she said: "There was only time for a brief warning from an air hostess, speaking in French, and telling us to get our seatbelts locked. "I didn't have time to do

this, and the next thing ! knew, I was flying through the air and suddenly came back to the ground with a heavy thud. Then I started saying as many decades of the Rosary as could remember, while people around about me were being thrown around in the storm.

"It was very frightening. Some people were very badly injured. I wouldn't like to go through that again."

The strike was so violent that it displaced television monitors, opened luggage lockers and sent baggage hurtling around the cabin. The aircraft was forced to make an emergency landing at

"I saw a steward thrown through the air like Batman, which is a surprise when you are half asleep," one passenger said. "He threw me into a seat, and attached the seatbelt and then I saw him fly off, disappearing through the

The steward said he was thrown on top of the galley and suffered a broken collar bone. "I have never seen this in 17 years of flying," he said. An elderly French couple were lifted out of their seats and crashed through the false Schmerber, 74, was in a coma yesterday. His wife, Violette, 71. suffered serious head

# Pots and pans chief broke UN sanctions

By NIGEL HAWKES

HOW did the ancient Brit-

ons play the game? Ray

Keene, chess correspondent

of The Times, believes that he

knows. From descriptions of

the positions in which the

pieces were found, he be-

lieves that it is a version of

an ancient game called

Alquerque, once played by

the ancient Egyptians and

"This game was the parent of draughts," he said. "The

By Russell Jenkins

A COMPANY director was fined El0.000 yesterday for his part in an elaborate sanctions-busting trade to import cheap enamel pots and pans from Serbia into British

Ramesh Khemlani, 39, managing director of a kitchenware company, admitted conspiring to import goods contrary to United Nations sanctions. His company. Corrina Housewares, of north Manchester. was fined £25,000 plus £30,000 costs. Much of the cookware is sold in big chainstores such as Argos and Woolworth's under trade names such as Wild

More than £1 million worth of pots and pans were smug-gled into Britain between July 1992 and July 1994 along a complicated route designed to throw Customs and Excise off the scent. Maidstone Crown

Cheshire, was given 60 days to pay, with six months' jail imposed in default.

# Robber's number is up after taking a shine to hostage

A TEENAGE girl held hostage with her family for four hours by a masked gang secretly dated one of the robbers for three weeks before telling police.

Charlotte Lovell, 16, caught the eye of Wayne Girvan as he kept her captive in the kitchen of her home while other members of the gang demand-ed the cash takings from the bookmakers where her fosterbrother was manager. Girvan scribbled his mobile phone number on a piece of paper and added the symbol \$ to denote his nickname, Dollar.

Girvan, 19, apologised to the family as the gang left and offered to repair the telephone wires that had been ripped out. Micheal Greaves, for the prosecution, told Northampton Crown Court: "It appears he had taken a bit of a shine to her." He said that Charlotte "rather unwisely" went out with Girvan several times before she told police.

The raid, on the day of the Grand National, happened after Jason Minney, 29, was followed home after leaving Tote Bookmakers in Northampton, where he was manager. They burst in armed with a pistol, knife and cosh and held Mr Minney, his mother, Jo, 56, and her foster-

other pieces by leaping over

them. It is clearly the ancestor

The game is still played in

name Fanorona. Keene said

that the description was clos-

er to this than to Latrunculi,

in which he said there were

different numbers of pieces

on each side, and not all were

of equal weight. The point is

that in Alquerque both play-

absolute equality, which is what we see here. I am pretty

sure that is what they have

of draughts."

daughter, Charlotte, hostage. One of the gang demanded the combination of the safe in the shop. He pressed the gun against Mr Minney's head and said: "We have been following you. We have had a tip-off there is £35,000 in the safe." They took him to the betting shop, taking a taxi after their car broke down, and escaped with £8,000.

Girvan, from Overstone, Northampton, admitted robbery and false imprisonment. John Price, QC, the Recorder. iailed him for six years on the first charge and three years on the second, to run concurrently.

Geraldine Chapman, for the defence, said Girvan had been roped in" hours before the robbery by the two older members of the gang, who were still at large.

# Licence to broadcast for Oxford graduates

By CAROL MIDGLEY

after being awarded Britain's first full broadcasting licence for a student radio station. Philip Weiss, 24, and Nick Molden, 22, who operate from offices opposite their old college, Christ Church, proved to the Radio Authority over a 28day trial period that their station was viable and innovative. Michael Heseltine, Tony Benn, Esther Rantzen and lan Hislop have been interviewed on Oxygen FM. which features debate and

Oxygen FM's broadcasting team said 40 per cent of Oxford's 60,000 students tuned in to the station. It has promised to give airtime to student bands and to help to break new talent. Mr Weiss, who gained his politics, philosophy and economics degree last year, said: "We hope to set the standard for a new generation of student FM listeners in Britain and across Europe." Oxygen FM will have five staff and operate 24 hours a day.

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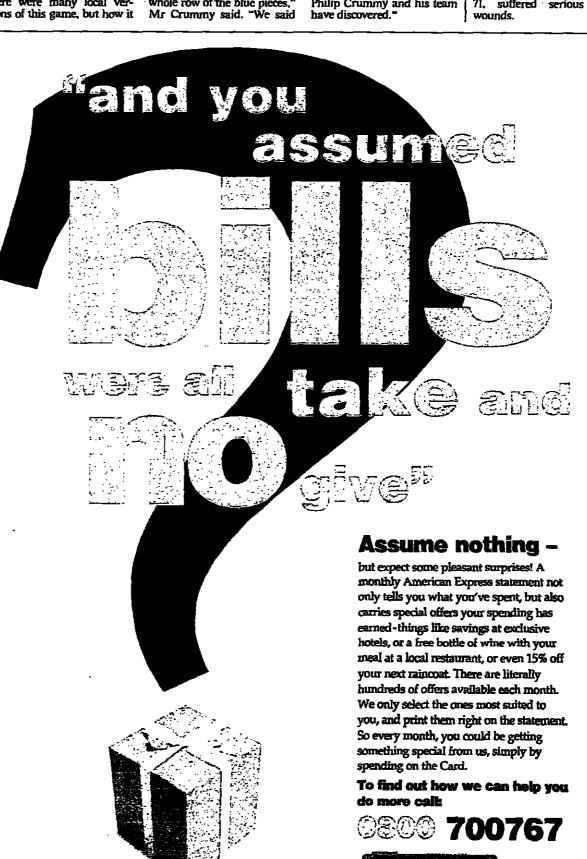
# Royal Mail unmoved by Bill and Ben's appeal

THE writer who created Bill and Ben the Flowerpot Men had a dig at the Royal Mail yesterday for overlooking her characters in a series of stamps

commemorating children's television. slot, began in the 1950s. In Castleford, Hilda Brabbam, 82, modelled the Yorkshire, where the Wright brothers mischevious pair on her brothers Bill and Rea Wright and their childhood ran a greengrocer's shop, it was well

living in Lewes, East Sussex, described the Royal Mail's decision as terrible. She said: "Not only are the stories famous throughout Yorkshire, but also worldwide."

The Royal Mail said that the stamps,



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Bill and Ben Wright and the Watch with Mother characters inspired by their childhood pranks

Sooty instead. "It's disgraceful." he said. "Bill and Ben is the most famous and popular children's programme ever." The Flowerpot stories, broadcast once a week in the BBC's Watch with Mother

which also feature Muffin the Mule, the Clangers, Stingray and Dangermouse.





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# Diplomat faces prison over paedophile videos

A SENIOR British diplomat who smuggled paedophile vidcos into the country was in jail last night, facing a sentence of up to seven years. Robert Coghlan, 54, will be sentenced today after a jury at Southwark Crown Court found him guilty of importing 109 obscene tapes, 70 containing child pornography, in March

Customs investigators said he was part of a secret international paedophile network. They described the videos as among the worst they had seen. Coghlan showed no emotion when the seven men and five women took less than an hour to reach a verdict after a three-day trial.

After the case James McGregor, deputy chief investigation officer for HM Customs, said there was little doubt that Coghlan belonged to a paedophile ring. "It is a secretive network in which people work by making, exchanging and selling this sort of material. I have no reason to suppose that Coghlan was

Coghlan, a fluent linguist

sometimes in the nude, on British holiday beaches was jailed yesterday for four months and recommended for deportation. Magistrates at Bournemouth were told that Charles Morgan, 44, a postman from California, had concentrated on filming their genital areas. Morgan had gone straight to Bournemouth after arriving in this country on August 1, then travelled to St Ives, Cornwall, and had returned to Bournemouth. He admitted three charges of taking indecent pictures of a child and said he got sexual excitement from that type of footage.

with 33 years in the Diplomatic Service, accompanied Diana. Princess of Wales on her visit to Japan in February last year. He has been suspended on normal pay since his arrest and last night the Foreign and Commonwealth Office said it would decide on disciplinary

action after sentencing. He was arrested on March 26 at a friend's house in Islington, north London, after Customs officers made a routine search of a warehouse in Barking, east London, Events began in August last year when Coghlan learnt he was to be posted to Spain. As his belongings were packed by a shipping agency in Yokohama. Japan, he went on a tour of the Far East and Australia,

including two trips to Bangkok. He then returned to

London. The goods were sent to Southampton to go into storage in Barking before being sent on to Madrid. Coghlan signed a Customs and Excise form saying he had no prohibited goods to declare.

denied being paedophile and pleaded not guilty to a charge of fraudulent evasion of the prohibition on importing obscene materi-al under the 1979 Customs and Excise Management Act. When interviewed, he admitted knowing the tapes were indecent but claimed he did not know they contained paedophile material and insisted that he always fasting juveniles.

He told the jury that he considered disposing of the tapes but feared he was being followed by Japanese police whenever he left the embassy, He never thought to crase the

The prosecution dismissed his claim not to have known what he was buying, pointing out that he was a trained linguist who spoke Japanese, French, German, Portuguese and Serbo-Crout.

Nigel Lithman, for the prosecution, said Coghlan spent four years painstakingly building up his collection at the expense of young children exploited and abused by the film-makers. In Japan it would seem that Coghlan had something of a dual existence He was something of a Jekyll and Hyde character."

Coghlan, who was born in Aberdeen, started work in the Passport Office and married his wife, Maureen, in 1963 when both were Foreign Office clerical workers. They divorced 20 years ago. His sons, Andrew and Steven, accompanied him to court, but



Coghlan, who faces up to seven years in prison, arriving at Southwark Crown Court yesterday

# Hotline opened for ex-residents of children's home

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

POLICE have asked 400 former residents of a children's home in Cardiff to telephone them urgently on a confidential line as they begin a major investigation into alleged sexual and physical abuse.

A team of ten detectives, male and female, would be answering the calls in an attempt to crack a suspected ring of child molesters in South Wales, it was announced yesterday. The move follows the jailing for five years of a former social worker at the home who sexually abused three boys aged 12, 15

The Cardiff investigation follows separate evidence of 20 years of abuse in North Wales. The new inquiry concerns Taff Vale Children's Home in Cardiff, run by South Glamorgan County Council, which has since been abolished under local government changes. The residential home, in the suburb of Whitchurch, was closed because of reorganisation in 1991. It looked after mainly local boys and girls aged from

ten to 16, although some came from further afield. Two staff in Cardiff's social

services department mentioned their suspicions of possible abuse to their director earlier this year. A preliminary investigation by the council raised serious con-South Wales Police.

The police want to interview all those who were resident between 1985 and 1991, who will now be aged 16 to 27, and there at that time.

A former social worker at the home, Geoffrey Morris, was jailed for five years by Cardiff Crown Court this week for indecently assaulting three boys in his care, none of whom was from Taff Vale.

Detective Chief Superin-tendent Phil Jones said he realised the inquiry could be traumatic for the young people involved, "but I am appealing to them: please, take the opportunity to contact us."

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# Digital hymnals take the place of vanishing church organists

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

AFTER the electronic organ, churches are now queuing to buy the religious equivalent of karaoke machines.

The desk-top "digital hymnals" can play the accompaniment to 3.000 hymns and songs with 128 different instruments. Their repertoire includes music for baptisms. marriages and funerals. The machines are operated by a touch-button keypad and plug directly into a church or

The high-tech hymnals are being bought by dozens of churches and cha cause of a national shortage of organists. Not only do the machines ease that shortage but their flexibility means that vicars can install them and avoid disputes with their organists about what music should be played.

About 50 of the £999 machines have sold since a south London company began importing them from America a few months ago. Martin Phelps, director of Digital Hymnals UK of Croydon, said: "We have sold them to hospitals, crematoria, tiny churches, big churches. They exist because churches cannot get organists."

According to members of Holy Trinity Church, Ebernoe, West Sussex, which has been without an organist for three years, the high-tech hymnal is "absolutely marvellous". The Rector, the Rev Gerald Kirkham, is testing the machine and if it proves a success will make it a permanent feature of the 19thcentury Anglican church.

Tony Colpoys, churchwarden, said: "Like many small parishes our church has great difficulty in providing regular organ accompaniavailable, organists want £30 a time, which is difficult for to play the instrument."

us to afford with only 15 people coming along on Sundays. That means we can't have music on a regular

In an attempt to break the silence Mr Colpoys visited the Christian Resources Exhibition at Sandown Racecourse in May, where he came across the DH100 Digital Hymnal. He said: "You don't need any cassettes and to get it to play a hymn you tap in the relevant number, which comes in a book, and off it goes. If you heard it you organ. We are only a very small village of some 20 houses. It's the sort of place you'd drive through and not

"We have got one or two people here with not bad voices and we always put on a very, very good festival of carols every Christmas. I'm hoping that many parishioners will come along and have a listen to the new hymnal and I can't see many people having a problem with it. It is a question of that

He said that if the parish decided to install the digital hymnal permanently, the church would retain its traditional organ, which would be available for anyone who was able to play it. Michael Nicholas, chief ex-

ecutive of the Royal College of Organists, does not consider the new machines to be a threat to the livelihoods of the country's organists. The strength of pipe organs and expert organ playing is such that that will always be valued "We do realise that in some places there is a shortage of organists and we are doing our best by various means to try to encourage more people

# Cleric loses fight on women priests

BY RUTH GLEDHILL

fought a two-year legal battle to reverse the decision to ordain women priests was warned yesterday to drop his "hopeless" cause or face legal action himself. The Rev Paul of St George's, Hanworth, west London was told in the Court of Appeal that his case was "untenable, unarguable,

unsustainable". Mr Williamson argued that the Queen was unlawfully led into breaking her Coronation Oath by agreeing to the Church's iheological heresy. of ordaining women priests in pursuit of "political

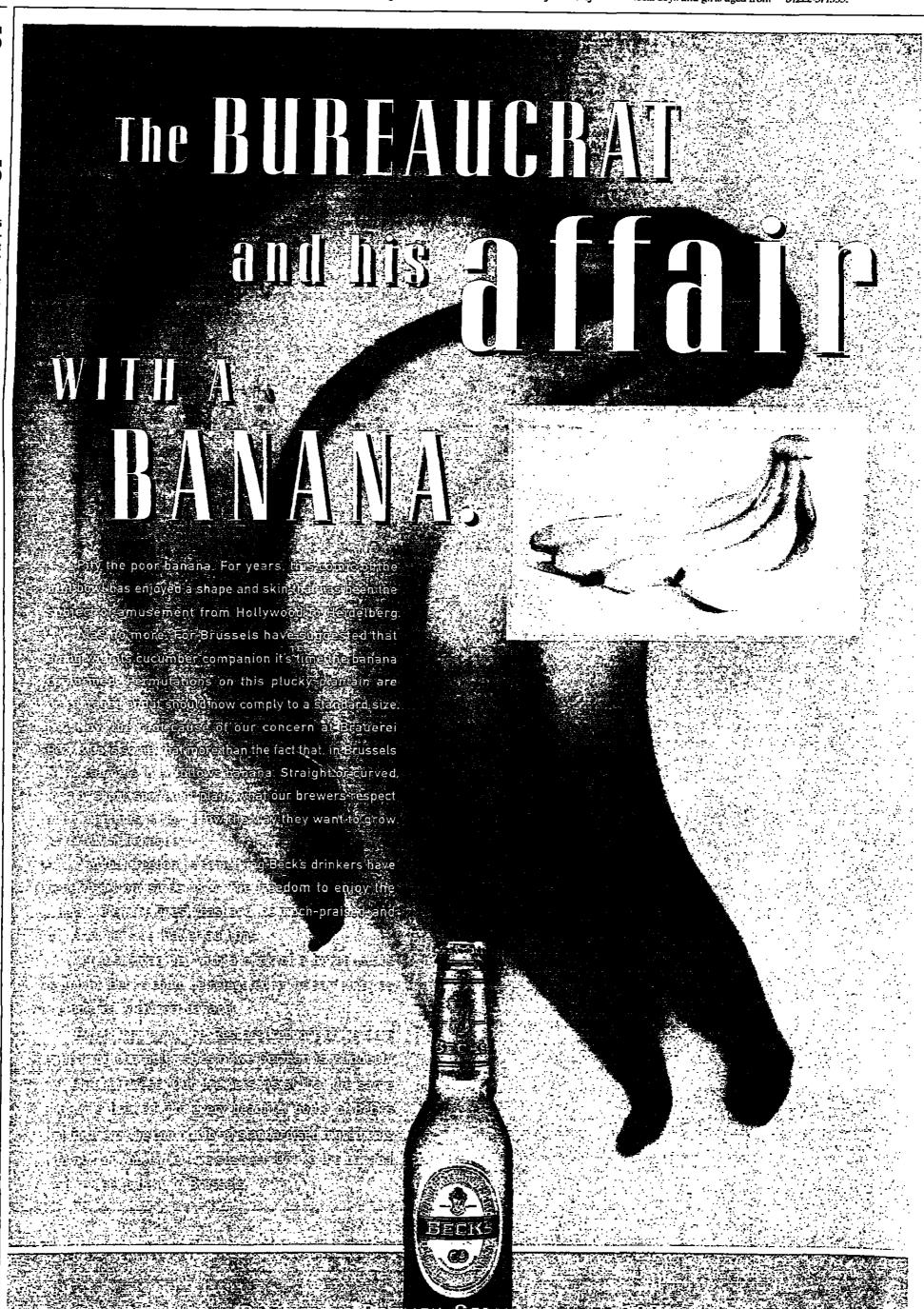
correctness". He said: "Your lordships face today the choice of regarding the oath as a decorative piece of medievalism or accepting what I say." He said the Church had used a "wretched, piffling" canon to engineer the introduction of

■ A CLERGYMAN who has ment of Parliament. He claimed it was legally impossible for the Queen to agree to any measure that breached her oath to "preserve inviolably" church doctrine. . Mr Williamson was seeking

Williamson, priest-in-charge a ruling that any legislation concerning the Church which is a breach of the oath, was both null and void.

But Lord Justice Simon Brown, sitting in the Court of Appeal with Lords Justice Morritt and Phillips, unanimously agreed that his arguments were "hopeless" and should be abandoned. Lord Justice Brown said: "His submissions to this court were full of legal heresies."

Afterwards, an unrepentant Mr Williamson said he had lost faith in British justice. He said: "I shall not take the slightest bit of notice. I am here for Christ, not their silly witterings." He would go to the House of Lords and



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Tories 'adopting once-derided ILEA practices'

# Schools will be told to target failing black pupils

By DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

BLACK pupils are to be monitored from the ages of five to 16 under a ten-point plan to combat their declining perfor-

mance at school Ministers acted yesterday after school inspectors gave warning that a growing number of pupils of Afro-Caribbean origin, boys in particular, were falling further behind other ethnic groups. Ofsted, the schools inspection agency, said that schools attempting to create a level playing field for all pupils with "colour-blind" policies were not doing enough to encourage black children. Children of Indian origin were performing much better at school than was the case ten years ago, often better than white children of the

same age, Ofsted said.
Cheryl Gillan, an Education
Minister, said the findings
were a cause for concern. "The
Government takes it very seriously and is determined to
tackle it. We owe all our
children, whatever their back-

HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE white and ethnic minor-

ity populations moved apart

throughout the 1980s as whites

left the big cities for the

suburbs, according to a gov-

ernment report published yes-

As the whites left and the

birth rate among ethnic mi-

norities rose the concentration

of Asians and blacks living in

the metropolitan districts

grew. However, although this

concentration is expected to

increase in areas such as London, the west Midlands

and west Yorkshire, the report

says that Britain does not have

American-style ghettos. Unlike the United States, there

are no towns or cities in which

The report, based on the

1991 census, found evidence

that some Caribbeans and

non-whites form a majority.

ground, the best possible start in life."

Ofsted will be asked to draw up a specific action plan to improve the performance of black pupils. School inspections will have an added focus on racial harassment and stereotyping after evidence in yesterday's report of continuing conflict between white teachers and boys of Afro-Caribbean origin. Statistics are already collected on the ethnic composition of each school but the Government will consult on extra ways of monitoring the progress of ethnic minority pupils.

Mrs Gillan said she was considering how to cut the high rate of expulsions of black pupils, six times that of white pupils. Changes to teacher training were being considered, so that the mainly white trainees were better prepared for the multicultural classroom. A task force is being set up with the Commission for Racial Equality. Chris

White exodus leaves inner

cities to ethnic minorities

Indians were also moving to

the outer suburbs and shire

counties, particularly around

London. Although the num-

bers were small. Hertford-

shire, West Sussex, Dorset,

Berkshire, Surrey, Cheshire and North Yorkshire regis-

tered an increase in their

ethnic-minority population. The 1991 census, which

asked people about their eth-

nic identity for the first time,

found that Britain's popula-

tion rose by 1.4 million in the

ten years to 1991 and that two-

thirds of the increase was

among minority ethnic

There was a 2 per cent drop in the number of whites living

in metropolitan areas, com-

pared with a 1.1 per cent

increase for Afro-Caribbeans:

3.6 per cent for Africans; 1.8

per cent for Indians; I.1 per

cent for Pakistanis; 3 per cent

for Bangladeshis and 3.6 per

groups



Gillan: promised that Government would act

Myant. of the commission, said the Government's action

was overdue but welcome.
"There is an enormous waste of talent involved here and the possible generation of a number of deep social problems. So we need to get this ball rolling," he said. "Tens of thousands of pupils come out of school not having achieved

The London borough of

Brent had the highest minor-

ity population at 44.8 per cent.

Newham 42.3 per cent and

Tower Hamlets 35.6 per cent.

But the report said that in five

wards the non-white commun-

ity comprised more than 74

per cent of the overall

1991 Census, said that, despite

fears that Britain would follow

the American model of inner-

city segregation, the figures

offered a more optimistic con-

clusion. But Peter Ratcliffe,

senior lecturer in sociology at

Warwick University and one

of the authors of the report,

warned that the concentration

could increase over the next

decade. "The key question is whether people in these areas

will have the wherewithal,

economically and educational-

The report, Ethnicity in the

population.

in the way they could do if things were done differently. No one is suggesting this is because one group of pupils are inherently stupid. What is being achieved by the best can be achieved by everybody. We have now got to find out how to bring this about."

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to bring this about."

The National Union of Teachers said: "The Government is adopting policies which it once decried as loony left. It abolished the local authority which most put them into practice — the Inner London Education Authority — without ensuring that the good practices from ILEA were carried on."

Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, said: "Schools can and do make a difference. But it would be blinkered to pretend that family background and social class and ethnic origin are not

also important."

This view was echoed by Carlton Duncan, the head teacher of George Dixon School in Birmingham, who is black. He said the ten-point plan took up recommendations made II years ago by the Swann report, the last major review of the school performance of children from ethnic minorities.

Mr Duncan, a member of the Swann committee, said: "An important factor is the absence of the extended family support which Afro-Caribbeans do not seem to enjoy. If schools and others were compensating for that absence we might be seeing a different story." One way of providing this support, more prevalent in the Asian community, was through a scheme of "mentors", whereby successful members of the black community acted as role models for

disaffected pupils, he said.

Harry Greenaway, a Conservative member of the Commons Education and Employment Select Committee and a former deputy head teacher, opposed the policy of focusing on black pupils. "I am not in favour of singling people out racially in education. I think children have got to be grouped on educational grounds by streaming or setting," he said.

Education, page 35



Sweetener: Bill Waddington, who plays Percy Sugden, meets his chocolate self

# Sticky moments as the Street turns to chocolate

By Carol Midgley

EXECUTIVE smiles congealed as Bill Roache — Ken Barlow to the millions who watch Britain's longest-runing soap — made the opening speech yesterday at the launch of Cadbury's sponsorship of Coronation Street. The deal, he said, would bring "a whole new meaning to the words Quality Street". Rowntree, maker of Quality Street, must have been delighted, but Cadbury could be justified in regarding the gaffe as something of a sticky

start to its £10 million association with the Rover's regulars.

Roache wasn't finished. He admitted that the cast had been initially wary of the deal, fearing it could lead to "product placement", restricted in this country but common in some American soaps. "Our concerns were about the American style," he said. "We thought we might suddenly have to break the story and hold up a chocolate bar. We have had chats with the management and our fears have been laid to rest. As long as the quality is not affected I hope and believe the public will accept."

From tomorrow, and before each episode for a year,
viewers will see an animated
sequence in which the cobblestones and chimneypots of
television's most famous
street turn to chocolate.
Cadbury says the 12-month
deal is the biggest British
sponsorship package of its
kind. It is certainly the first
time in Coronation Street's
35-year history that the pro-

gramme has been sponsored but yesterday both Cadbury and Granada insisted this would not affect the content or quality of the show.

Granada's managing director David Fraser said:
"We don't want anything to
happen that will change or
cheapen the programme." A
Cadbury spokesman said the
company would not wish to
spoil the integrity of the
programme. There were no
plans for instance, to produce Coronation Street chocolate hars, despite the
appearance at the press conference of a number of chocolate busts of leading

Cadbury logos will appear at the start, during the commercial breaks and at the end of each show. From September 23, they will incorporate a promotion where viewers can win up to £25,000. Eight million prizes are on offer for viewers who can spot purple objects in a game at the end of each episode.

EastEnders is better, page 16

# NEWS INSHES

# Governor of suicide jail quits early

The governor of a prison where five women have committed suicide in 15 months is to retire early. The Scottish Prison Service denied that Robert Glen. 50, was leaving Cornton Vale prison, near Stirling, under a cloud, although the latest death there was on Tuesday when a 26-year-old inmate was found hanged in her cell. Officials said that he was leaving so that his successor could settle in as soon as possible.

#### Bail for accused

Wayne Steven Paley, 23, accused of the manslaughter of Andrew Poynton, a student who was allegedly punched after going to the aid of a young woman, was freed on bail by Manchester magistrates until October 31.

#### Aerosol death

A 14-year-old Darlington boy died after apparently inhaling the contents of his sister's aerosol deodorant. Carl Lee Cooper was heard crying for help in the early hours of yesterday but was dead on arrival at hospital.

#### Parents sue store

The parents of a two-year-old boy who lost the tip of his finger in a door at a Sainsbury's store in Lincoln are to sue. A company spokesman said: "Our legal department has advised us that we are not liable for damages."

## Long crawl

A rare Death's Head hawk moth caterpillar, a native of Africa, was found in a field near Yeovil, Somerset. The 4in yellow caterpillar will live as a moth for about six weeks, feeding on potato leaves and honey.

#### Staying safe

Staffordshire University at Stoke-on-Trent has appointed a safety officer to check gas fittings and wiring in student accommodation. Landlords who have been checked will be given safety certificates and put on an approved list.

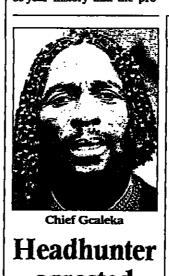
#### Sarah charge

A 33-year-old man is to appear in court at Melton, Leicestershire, today charged with the murder of Sarah Bottomley, 14, whose naked body was found in a comfield near Edmondthorpe two weeks after she was last seen alive.

## Roo in a stew

Wild kangaroo steaks from the Australian Outback have gone on sale in 300 Tesco supermarkets. The meat, marketed as a healthy alternative to beef, has ten times less fat than a rump steak and is low in cholesterol.





# Headhunte arrested for fraud

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

CHIEF Nicholas Gealeka, the

South African traditional healer who conducted a ridiculed hunt in Scotland for the skull of an ancestor, has been arrested on charges of fraud. The chief was unable to raise bail of 3,000 rands (£430) and is being held in custody in Umtata, Transkei. The charges relate to cheques totalling 123,000 rands (£17,570) allegedly signed by Chief Gealeka.

edly signed by Chief Gcaleka, whose real name is apparently Nicholas Mbambatho, when buying liquor and groceries from a Transkei store in 1991 and from the Gilbey's liquor company in 1992. According to police, Chief Gcaleka faces a third charge.

third charge.

The chief's arrest comes days after scientists announced that DNA tests showed that the skull he took back from Scotland, claiming it to be a head of King Hintsa, killed by British soldiers in 1835, was in fact the skull of a white woman. The Xhosa royal house, embarrassed by his antics, has threatened to fine the chief several head of cattle by way of punishment.



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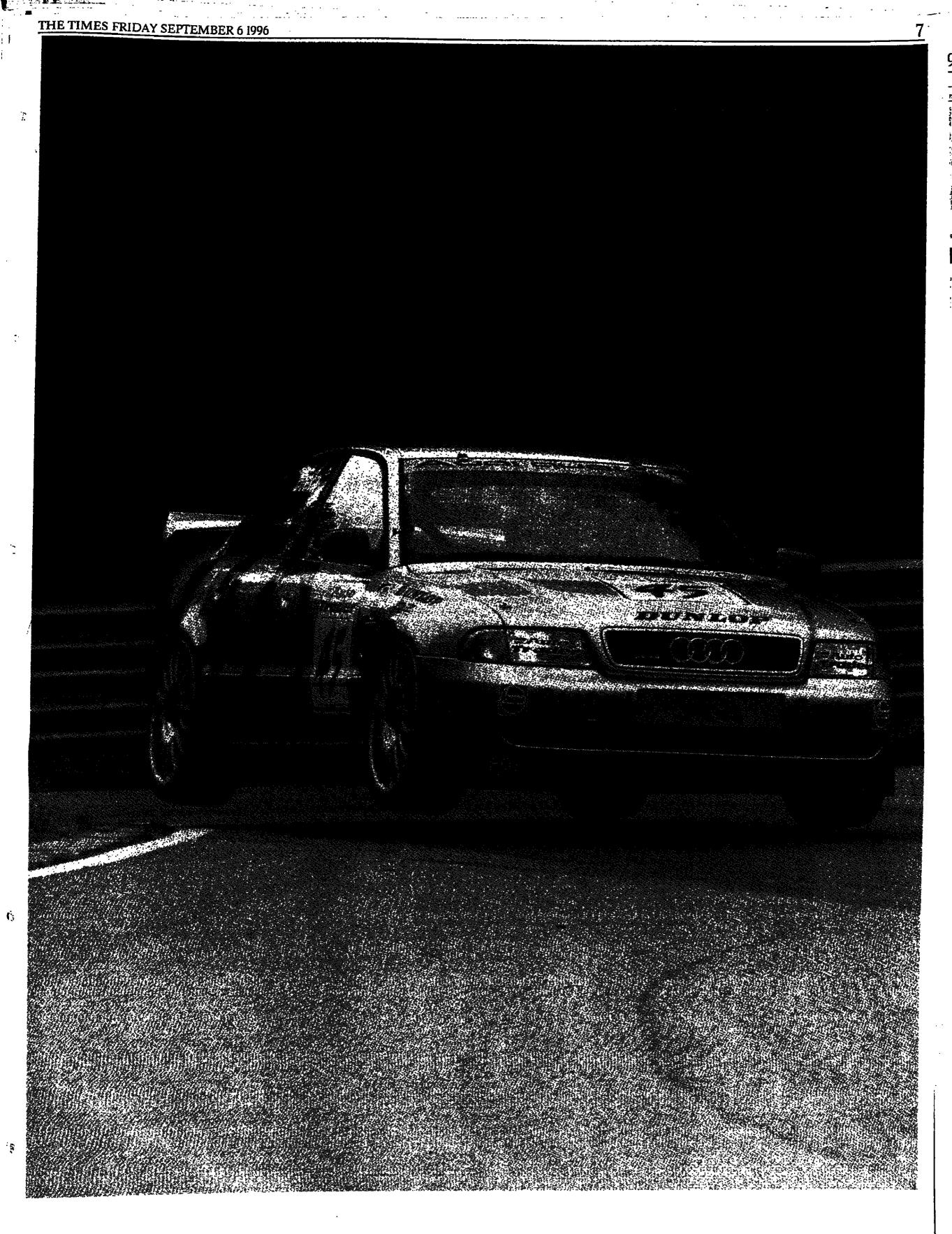
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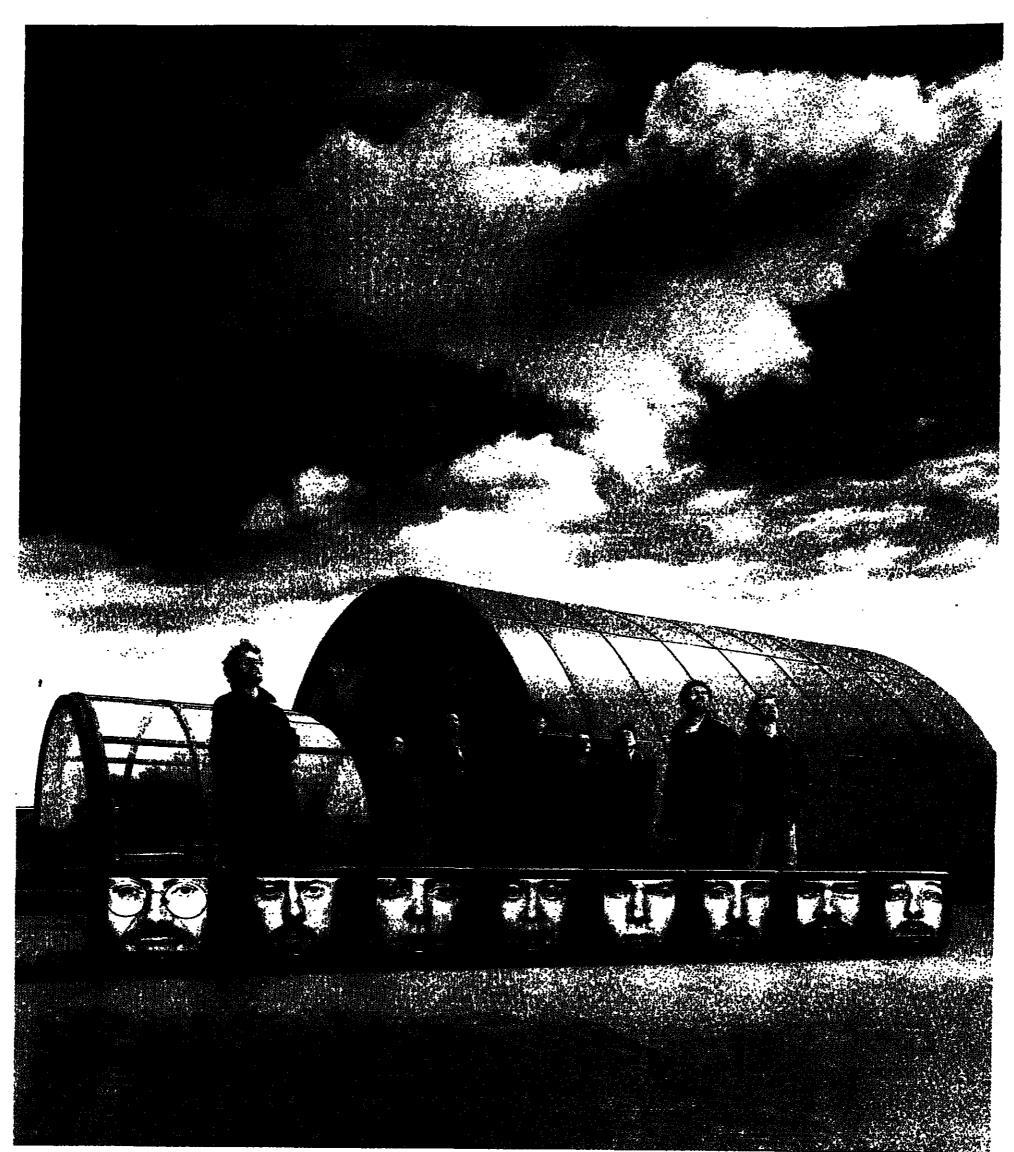


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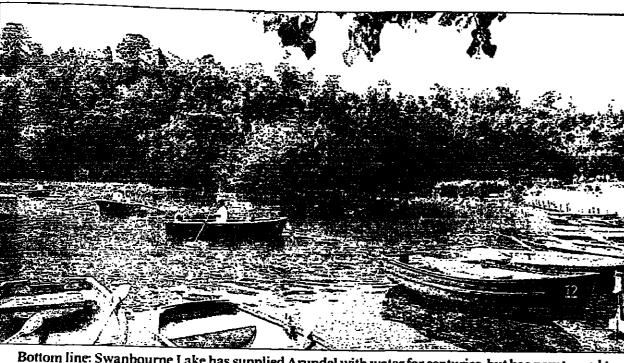
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Bottom line: Swanbourne Lake has supplied Arundel with water for centuries, but has now turned to mud, leaving André Buller's rowing-boat business high and dry. Water companies deny they are to blame

# Water firms accused as Arundel's ancient lake runs dry

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By NICK NUTTALL

TWO water companies are to have their licences reviewed after an ancient lake in the Duke of Norfolk's Arundel estate ran dry. The companies have been accused of taking too much water from the lake, which is listed as a site of special scientific interest. They deny exceeding their quotas but

the licences are to be examined to see whether the approved level of abstraction is too high.

Swanbourne Lake, in West Sussex, has supplied Arundel with most of the birdlife has left.

water companies had been bleeding the underground springs dry. His claim follows a report by government wildlife advisers revealing that scores of wetland beauty spots suffer from over-

mill pond since the 1850s, said that the Southern and Portsmouth

had enough water so people could row the boats on the lake." He blames the companies for the damage and an estimated loss of

nothing to do with us." a spokes-man said. "It is just that the water chalk dry and that flows from springs had been intercepted by table which supplies the natural springs is at a record low level." Simon Taylor, Sussex water

ing may be tipping the environmental balance."
Southern Water said: "We have

a licence to draw water from boreholes around the lake, but the demand is not as great as we thought and we only take half of

# Husband kills wife and stabs his baby

By MICHAEL HORSNEU.

A MAN bludgeoned his estranged wife to death and stabbed their haby son in the stomach yesterday in an attack at her boyfriend's flat.

Toby Sumner, 26, then drove ten miles to the couple's matrimonial home in Aylsham, Norfolk, where he hanged himself. The 18month-old baby, Jordan, is recovering in hospital after heing found by Kerry Sumner's boyfriend, Trevor Toon.

Murder squad detectives said that they were not looking for anyone else in connection with the killing.

Mr Sumner, who was unemployed, attacked his wife and son at the flat in the seaside resort of Sheringham. Mrs Sumner, 23, had left him for Mr Toon, 25, in April. Mr Toon found her body when he came home from work in the early hours. The baby was taken to Norfolk and Norwich Hospital for emergency surgery. He was said last night to n a stable condition.

Ella Howes, the postmis-tress at Aylsham, said that Mr Sumner had been a quiet man. "He was very upset when she left him. All I can think is that it all got too much for him and he just lost it."

By JEREMY LAURANCE

DOCTORS believe there may

veloped a lung disease after working for 18 months in a man, a non-smoker, developed a dry cough and breathlessness. Tests on samples taken from his lungs revealed particles containing amounts of copper and silicon identical

The man, from Vienna, was treated with steroids but was He was diagnosed with granulomatous pneumonitis, a lung disease caused by breath-

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was safe when contained in side the photocopier.

# The office photocopier could pose health risk

be a risk of lung disease from toner dust widely used in office photocopiers. A 39-year-old man who de-

news agency probably became ill as a result of contact with the dust, researchers report in The Lancet. The to those found in toner dust.

able metal particles. The case is the second in

linked to photocopiers. Two years ago The Lancet reported on a 44-year-old Spanish woman who developed sidero-silicosis, in which the lungs get clogged with dust, working in a photocopying shop.

A spokesman for Canon
Copiers UK said toner dust

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# America yawns as Oasis fail to behave badly

AMERICA responded with a large yawn yesterday to an attempt by Oasis to misbehave on stage at the MTV Video Music Awards in New

In an apparent grab for controversy — and a higher profile in the United States, where they have yet to repeat their British success - Oasis and their lead singer. Liam Gallagher, went for the badboy image with their performance on Wednesday night.

The awards are the pop world's equivalent of the Oscars and the ceremony was the world. Gallagher spat on stage, threw an empty beer can into the audience, clutched the crotch of his trousers and shouted a minor insult in the direction of the Radio City Hall auditorium. There was little reaction. A few people clapped, a few more booed, but otherwise the would-be shocker failed to

score much attention. Oasis were almost universally ignored in reports of the ceremony in yesterday morning's American newspapers. A single line in the New York Daily News noted that

Gallagher's act was a "big down" while the New York Post, reporting the fact that to turn up, called him "mercurial". There had been some slight doubt before the show that they would turn up, but it the band would pass up such promotional rich opportunity.

News reports concentrated instead on the bad language used on stage by Dennis Rodman, a Chicago Bulls basketball player who wore green nail varnish, matching hip-hugging trousers and a shirt that displayed his pierced belly button.

The Oasis performance bore no comparison to the misbehaviour of Sixties and Seventies British rock bands such as The Who and The Sex Pistols, for whom no gig was complete without an indecent amount of guitar smashing and audience abuse. Gallagher was more like Aled Jones after a half pint too many of shandy. If they want to benefit from controversy in the competitive American market they will have to behave a great deal worse.



Liam Gailagher: his monkeying around failed go secure much coverage

# Both sides condemn Unionist MP for role in militant rally

By NICHOLAS WATT, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

NATIONALISTS and Unionists rounded on a Democratic Unionist MP yesterday after he shared a platform with Billy Wright, the militant loyalist who has been threatened with death by Protestant

The non-sectarian Alliance Party joined the SDLP and Sinn Fein in condemning the Rev William McCrea, MP for Mid-Ulster, after he joined thousands of hardline loyalists at the rally in Portadown, Co Armagh, on Wednesday night. Their comments were echoed privately by Unionists who were dismayed by Mr McRea's actions. Mr Wright, who was given

72 hours to leave Northern Ireland last week by the Combined Loyalist Military Command, was cheered by scores of members of the terrorist Ulster Volunteer Force. During his speech Mr Wright paid tribute to "Ulster's army", which was seen as a reference to the terrorists. Lord Alderdice, leader of the Alliance Party, described Mr McCrea's action as a disgrace.

Protestants stopped about 1,000 Catholic football supporters from watching their team yesterday in after Cliftonville supporters were stopped on their way to The Oval in the east of the city by Protestant residents. The Ulster Cup semi-final went ahead in a half-empty stadium.

He said: "He is aligning himself with people who ... have clearly been fully involved in very worrying activities. He knows perfectly well that is the situation."

Brid Rogers, a leading member of the SDLP in Mid-Ulster, said Mr McCrea's presence was an attempt to exploit community tensions. Francie Molloy, Sinn Fein's Mid-Ulster representative, said: "Willie McCrea and his party refuse to talk to Sinn Fein because they claim we 'support violence'. And yet Mr McCrea shares a platform and defends the right of somepublicly asserted the right of loyalists to kill Catholics." Mr McCrea insisted that he was simply defending the principle of free speech and called on anyone with allegations against Mr Wright to lay them before a court of law.

The deteriorating security situation in Northern Ireland was discussed yesterday by Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, and Dick Spring, Ireland's Deputy Prime Minister, at an informal meeting in Dublin. They pledged after their meeting to give the multi-party talks at Stormont a new momentum when they resumed on Monday.

In an article in The Times today, Sir Patrick acknowledges the harmful effects of this summer's disturbances But he insists that the Government will press ahead with its search for a political settlement because the widespread view in Northern Ireland was give talking a chance".

Patrick Mayhew, page 18

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# **Teacher** killed in crash weeks after wife

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A BRITISH teacher working in Africa has died in a road accident, only weeks after his wife was killed in in a car

Last night, the dead man's mother, Mary Oates, preparing for his funeral today in Blyth, Northumberland, said: "To think this has happened twice defies belief."

James Oats, 29, died when his motorbike collided headon with a tractor. His wife, Betty. 31, was killed in her car in June when she swerved to avoid an animal Both accidents happened near border crossings between Botswana and Zimbabwe.

Mr Oates planned to return home after his wife died but stayed on to help his pupils before their exams. He then took a short break touring on a motorbike. His mother said: 'He was on his way back. The sun was low in the sky as he came over a hill. He must

have been blinded by the sun." The couple met two years ago while Mr Oates an MSc graduate of Sunderland polytechnic, was working on a Voluntary Services Overseas project in Botswana. They

married a few months later. Mrs Oates said: "James had a marvellous attitude to life. He believed it didn't matter how long you lived, but what you did with your time."



# Kidnapped daughter flies home

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT --

A FATHER whose nine-yearold daughter was kidnapped by her mother and taken to South Africa brought her home to Britain yesterday. £15,000 after flying to Johan nesburg and fighting a legal battle to win her back

Amy Kelland was abducted last month by her mother, on a rare visit to England. Mr Kelland lodged a court action in Johannesburg and flew out to reason with his former wife, whom he divorced six years ago.

The court ruled that Amy should be returned to her father. Back at home in Tiverton. Devon. after flying overnight from Johannes burg. Mr Kelland said: "It has cost an arm and a leg but it was worth it to get my daughter back."

# Oysters on offer from near and far

**WEEKEND SHOPPING** 

THE new season's native oys-ters are on offer from about 85p each, but the more common Pacific, rock or gigas oysters can be had for as little as 35p each. Victoria plums. cob nuts and English Conference pears are on the fruit stands and the new season's parsnips and main-crop potatoes have taken their place in

the vegetable bins. A minced-beef quality mark is now appearing on minced beef that is certified offal-free. 100 per cent beef and made only from regular cuts produced from cattle under 30 months old. Announced promotions include:

Asda: British rump steak 17.99 a kg, British lamb chops £7.34 a kg. Budgens: rindless unsmoked

back bacon rashers £1.59 for eight (250g). Cumberland pork sausages 90p for 454g, perpered ham 79p a 4 lb, Basmati rice £1.17 a kg.

Co-op: prime young beef sirloin steak £9.89. Cherry Valley frozen duck in orange sause

frozen duck in orange sauce £2.99 for 450g, chicken nug-gets £1.79 for 283g. Dewhurst: braising steak £1.89 a lb, diced beef £4.99 for

Harrods: Scottish black and white pudding 50p for 100g, smoked wild Scottish haunch

of venison £3.25 for 100g. Scottish haggis £2.50 each, extra seasoned Parma ham £3.98 for 100g. Italian pepperoni £1.98 for 100g. Iccland: gammon grill steaks

£1.69 for six, orange and ginger chicken breasts £2.29 for 396g, prawns £3.99 for 400g. smoked haddock fillets £2.99 for 680g. Marks & Spencer: chicken and mushroom pasties 99p for

two (330g), crispy aromatic duck £5.99 for 550g, luxury muesli E2.29 kg. chocolate roll £1.39, tree-ripe peaches or nectarines £1.49 for four. Morrisons: chicken Kiev £2.89 for 567g. chicken chas-seur £1.99 for 500g. British topside/silverside £1.99 a lb. minced beef 99p for 454g. frozen peeled prawns £1.89 for

200g, oysters 35p each. Safeway: chicken Kiev £3.19 for four (568g), supertrim mince beef steak £2.59 kg. chargrill quarter pounders £1.29 for 600g, corn on the cob 25p each, courgettes 39p a lb, kiwi fruit 12p each. Sainsbury's: braising steak

£2.29 a kg. British whole lamb leg £4.29 a kg. medium eggs £2.45 for 24, white potatoes El.39 for 2.5 kg. closed cup mushrooms £1.69 for 500g. oranges £1.29 for eight. Somerfield: fresh chicken nuggets El.59 for 312g, fresh beef sirloin steak E3.79 a lb. fresh haddock fillet El.43 lb. cherry tomatoes 69p for 227g.

cucumbers 20p each, white secdiess grapes 64p a lb. Waitrose: farmhouse chicken £2.65 for 1.8kg, parsnips 69p a lb, Discovery apples 19p a lb. pure grapefruit juice 97p a ltr.

ROBIN YOUNG

Of course you don't. So why are 75% of blind and partially sighted people of working age out of work? In a recent survey half the country's employers said they would not employ someone who had difficulty seeing. The Royal National Institute for the Blind (RNIB) campaigns against the invisible barriers

of prejudice and ignorance.

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# Sick Yeltsin deepens fear of struggle for power in Kremlin

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

under dictatorship or during periods of relative liberalism. Russians have always depended on a strong and visible leader. Throughout their history, Russians have been threatened with civil unrest, disorder, rebellion and bloody power struggles whenever a leader has died, been deposed or shown himself too ill or too The news that President

Yeltsin is to have a heart operation is therefore an ominous sign for most Russians and will awaken old fears of a power vacuum at the top. There is a real worry now that the struggle for succession. which has been going on beneath the surface for at least a year, will break into the open and will threaten not only the stability and political well-being of the state but will result in damaging rifts and political feuding that could threaten all the reforms since the collapse of communism.

Naturally, Mr Yeltsin's, illhealth comes as no surprise. Despite the strenuous efforts of his image-makers to play down his heart trouble, it has been increasingly clear to everyone, especially since his

WHETHER in peace or war. sick man. This was especially evident from his wooden and painful performance at his presidential inauguration a month ago, when he spoke for only 45 seconds.

To a nation that for years

grew accustomed to the obvious incapacity of Leonid Brezhnev and his two successors while the press and television maintained that they were as vigorous as ever. the pretence was familiar. It produced the same cynical reaction and the same crop of rumours that Mr Yeltsin was actually dead.

In an age of democracy and openness, however, the taboos could more easily be broken without fear of punishment. and the true state of President Yeltsin's health could no longer be hidden. Regular medical bulletins are now likely, although they will be less intru-sively detailed than those on health of American Presidents.

Such openness may still come as a shock. Russia has a long tradition of the white lie, the unchallenged fiction. An attempt to deceive is not a serious matter, as long as each side knows the real state of affairs. The fiction that the



Surrounded by bodyguards, Aleksandr Lebed, the Russian national security adviser, arrives in Novye Atagy village for further talks with Aslan Maskhadov, the rebel Chechen chief of staff, over their recent peace deal

central figure in the body politic masks the need to confront the difficult question

Even in a democratic system. Russian leaders - and especially the shadowy aides serving it - see the need to present an agreed, united, monolithic face. This is especially true at a time when all know that naked ambition is prowling the Kremlin. This is why there has been such embarrassment over the successful conclusion of a peace deal in Chechenia by General Aleksandr Lebed, President Yeltsin's security chief. This is also why each of the would-be

ear, the authority and the blessing of Mr Yeltsin.

The concern that the Russian leader must be fully fit and vigorous also has deeper roots, going back to the tsarist and fully able to discharge his duties. Lenin's long, final illto the Bolsheviks. They relied, however, on the traditional distance of the leader from the

← The struggle for succession could threaten stability and all the reforms since the collapse of communism 9

tradition of the almost sacred person of the Emperor. He must radiate to his subjects the spiritual authority of his hind a wall of secrecy but felt position; he cannot therefore the need to be seen exercising be less than fully in command authority at crucial moments the need to be seen exercising

people to conceal his true incapacity after his strokes. Similarly, Stalin retreated beon his withered arm. Physical blemishes of any

and never allowed comment

kind were unacceptable to Communist leaders. During his early days as a Politburo Mikhail Gorbachev's birthmark was airbrushed out of official photographs. It was only when he himself initiated a policy of glasnost that he insisted on an end to such pretence.

That openness has since made a mockery of the Kremlin's attempts to portray Boris Yeltsin as the fit and vigorous man he once was.

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# Worried Kohl in call for speedy **Moscow summit**

By ROGER BOYES

than those of other agencies.

According to the Germans

Mr Yeltsin suffered heart

problems in 1987, 1990 and in

July and October 1995.
When President Chirac of

France returned from his

holiday he immediately ex-

pressed confidence in Mr

Yeltsin. Observers in Bonn

suggest that this was partly prompted by a pooling of French and German intelli-

gence analysis about Mr Yeltsin's condition.

is occupying its traditional role during a United States

presidential election cam-

In some respects, Germany

WESTERN fears about President Yeltsin's health prompted a Moscow meeting to be hastily arranged for tomorrow between Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, and the Russian leader.

Last night, the trip seemed likely to go ahead, despite German nervousness that the nagging uncertainty about Mr Yeltsin's health and the erratic course of the Russian leadership may derail its at-tempts to put together a new Ostpolitik

The planned Kohl-Yeltsin summit capped a week of very intense contacts with the former Soviet Union: Herr Kohl spent the first three days of the week in Ukraine: Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian Foreign Minister, flew to Bonn; and Klaus Kinkel, the Ger-man Foreign Minister, urged Nato to select its first entry candidates from Central Europe by next March.

The conflict with Iraq put a new item on Herr Kohl's Moscow summit agenda, but the fundamental purpose of the meeting was to discover more about the Russian President's physical condition and

his grip on the leadership. Both the Americans and Germans, although relieved that Mr Yeltsin won the presidential election, are nervous about the Russian leader, about the long-term impact of the war in Chechenia and about a possible financial or economic crisis in the winter.

Of these fears, the greatest is about the health of the President. German intelligence reports have been conmore downbeat about Mr Yeltsin's illnesses

paign: engaging in unusually high-profile foreign policy to reassure Russia and the rest of Eastern Europe that the West is not completely absorbed with its own problems. There is no doubt that the Chancellor is co-ordinating closely with President Clinton. Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, will be talking to Herr Kohl today,

the eve of his Moscow trip. Much of the past year of German Ostpolitik has been geared to the need to bring Mr Yeltsin back to power. This involved creating a number of incentives to offer a pro-Western Russian leader, including making Russia a full participant in meetings of the Group of Seven leading industrialised nations, and more moderate discussions

on Nato expansion. Now that the elections are over, however, Herr Kohi has to change gear. The first question to be settled concerns Mr Yeltsin's real state of health, hence the quickly arranged summit tomorrow.

German diplomats have already advised Herr Kohl that there will be no opportunity for sauna negotiations during the summit - Mr Yeltsin's condition forbids it Trencherman meals are also out and time will be rationed.

Herr Kohl has had experience with sickly leaders in Moscow and knows how to manoeuvre around the problem. In this case, that means maintaining good links with Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Russian Prime Minister, and sounding out General Aleksandr Lebed, the security adviser, who is something of a closed book to Bonn.

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# Risk of coronary failure remains after bypass surgery

PRESIDENT YELTSIN has tor of the British Heart Founalways been a brave man. whether sitting on a tank, or defying his political opponents in the corridors of power. He is now about to undergo open heart surgery in a centre well away from the sophisticated world of Westem medicine.

Even for a man of his age and past medical history, the actual bypass surgery is relatively safe. Professor Brian Pentecost, the medical direc-

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dation, suggests that the President's chances of surviving a coronary bypass are between 97 and 98 per cent. To put surgical risk in proportion, Mr Yeltsin has odds four times better than those of a prewar patient having surgery for appendicitis.

Fortunately, there is no evidence that Mr Yeltsin's previous heart attacks have left his kidneys damaged; if there had been such evidence.



Professor Pentecost would have aftered the odds. The remaining question is the amount of damage that heart surgery is likely to inflict on Mr Yeltsin's intellect. The professor is again

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optimistic. Although possibly 6 to 10 per cent of patients may be a bit forgetful after bypass surgery, the effect is usually

Mr Yeltsin should be able

that he is very easily fatigued. physically and mentally. In about half of patients

who have had a bypass, the grafted veins occlude again within ten years. Those who have had a graft not from a vein but from the internal mammary artery have a slightly better track-record. In any event, Mr Yeltsin will find that his cardiologists will be determined to alter his lifestyle, so that he takes

regular exercise, has a low-fat low-salt diet, and a daily alcohol intake restricted to two or three glasses of red

Damage done by previous coronary thromboses will, of course, remain and will have left Mr Yeltsin's heart muscle permanently weakened, mak-ing him liable to heart failure.

DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD



to Germany this week

# Happy ending for Andersen's lost letter

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN COPENHAGEN

DANISH literary experts have discovered a priceless letter written by Hans Christian Andersen in 1859.

Andersen, best known for his fairytales The Little Mermaid and The Emperor's New Clothes, wrote thousands of letters but most of them were short notes; making this four-page missive exception-al, says Johan de Mylius, a leading authority on the Danish author.

He said the letter was "very witty and written in a joking style" and was written to congratulate a young politician and newspaper editor who had just been

A lawyer, who has not been named, had found the letter earlier this summer Mr de Mylius said.

among family documents. He donated the find to the Andersen Centre at the University of Odense, 90 miles west of Copenhagen.

Mr de Mylius, who is based at the centre, said the letter would not be offered for sale. Many of Andersen's letters had fetched up to 10,000 kroner (£1,100), even though they "often were of little interest".



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# US state goes on alert as 120mph hurricane nears

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

BEACHSIDE curfews were yesterday and half a million people were evacuated from homes as the authorities prepared for the landfall of "ferocious Fran", the latest storm of the hurricane season.

The hurricane was forecast to hit the coast of the United States early this morning and was spoken of as a rival to 1989's killer Hurricane Hugo. which left 36 dead, caused about \$10 billion (£6.4 billion) worth of damage in the state and made 50,000 people

Fran's landfall was calculated for the border between North and South Carolina. By lunchtime yesterday huge waves were pounding the sands of Wrightsville Beach. North Carolina, and curious or foolhardy locals who ventured down to the waterfront was asked by police to leave. The officers had the power to arrest those who ignored the warnings. The town's pier, half-destroyed by Hurricane Bertha two months ago, was unlikely to survive.

Hurricane warnings were posted the length of the coast from Chicoteague, Virginia, to Brunswick, Georgia. Coastguards predicted storm surges of loft and loin of rain, with all the attendant flooding. Residents of the area's barrier islands submitted to mandatory evacuation orders issued by David Beasley, the Gover-

nor of South Carolina.

"Fran is a large and brutal storm." the Governor said. "She is not to be trifled with in any shape, way, fashion or

form. No area along our mastline is safe." Bob coastline is safe." Grissom, the Mayor of Myrtle Beach, said through stormwhipped rain: "We hope people will realise how dangerous this storm is going to be and will take the opportunity to leave.'

During the course of the day. Fran picked up speed as it roared over the warm Gulf Stream waters of the Atlantic, and was said to be blowing at just below 120mph. "At this time, Hurricane Fran is about as large as Hurricane Hugo and has the potential to become just as strong," the National Hurricane Centre said. A member of the Georgetown County sheriff's department, Major Mike Schwartz, said of the evacuation effort: "If someone refuses to leave,

we ask for next of kin".

Storekeepers desperately tried to board up shop windows while fleeing motorists queued at petrol stations and stocked up on food. Traffic on Interstate 26, a major road heading inland, was jammed. Joe Lipsitz, a 76-year-old South Carolinan who stayed put at his home in the town of

Beaufort during Hurricane Hugo, said: "I've ridden them all out, but I'm debating whether to go this time." Schools were closed and 5,000 troops at the Marine

Corps hase on Parris Island were sent packing. The only people heading east were members of the Federal Emergency Management Agency: they arrived in the endan-

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# High street trade at best levels since 1980s, says CBI

BRITAIN'S high streets are now seeing their best business since the late 1980s, but the Confederation of British Industry said that Britain was not enjoying the same boom conditions as then and that calls for higher interest rates are unjustified.

The latest buoyant reading of the consumer side of the economy came the day after the latest discussions on monetary policy between Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, Governor of the

Bank of England, which appear to have left interest rates unchanged. There was no signal for a change of rates from the Bank yesterday.

The CBI distributive trades survey showed a net balance of 53 per cent of retail companies who report-ed an increase in sales compared with the previous year. This is the healthiest reading since November 1988, and it provided early vindication for avoiding any temptation to

Alastair Eperon, chairman of the CBI's distributive trades survey panel, said that the survey indicated

The CBI last night warned the Labour Party against offering a "miracle cure" for the British economy and told the Conservatives not to put at risk, for electoral reasons, the economic gains of the past three years. Page 24

a "feeling better factor", and was a welcome indication that consumer

confidence is improving".

The survey of 15,000 outlets in retailing, wholesaling and the mo-tor trade showed that retailers viewed their current levels of business as well above average and that they expected a further rise in sales

rise in sales, but those businesses most closely linked with the housing market showed the best increases in sales volumes. All carpet retailers. for example, showed a rise.

The survey shows that retailers took advantage of an increase in consumer spending to push up their prices. The balance of firms increasing prices, compared with the same

level since May 1993.

This would seem to be a further argument against any further lowering of interest rates. But the CBI made it clear that there was nothing in the figures which would indicate the need for an increase in rates. Sudhir Junankar, CBI associate economic analysis director, said: We do not think that the Government's underlying inflation target is

in any way endangered." Mr Eperon said: "We are not seeing the 1980s boom conditions here at all. Consumers are still

being very careful and still shop-

CBI analysis acknowledged that, if current trends continued, prospects for good sales at Christmas were encouraging. However, they also said that uncertainty over the election might begin to have an impact on consumer confidence and therefore retail sales.

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S&P Composite 655.02 (-0.59)\* There was also news that new car sales in the P-registration month of August were 2.2 per cent up on those in August, 1995. Sales totalled 479,407, a little short of the 480,000 the industry had hoped for.

# Lonrho delays

By Alasdair Murray

hotels

flotation

LONRHO is delaying the £700 million stock market flotation of its hotel division to consider

making a trade sale instead.

The announcement was made just one day before the mining, trading and hotels company, which is in the process of splitting into three separate businesses, was due to publish the flotation prospec-tus for its Princess Metropole hotels division.

Speculation has grown recently that the float was run-ning into trouble, although Lonrho has insisted that it has been well received by the City. sale of the hotel group could fetch up to £1 billion, compared with a prospective flotation value of about £700 million.

Up to a dozen groups are believed to be considering bidding for all or part of the hotel division. But interest is likely to centre on the Princess chain, a ten-strong luxury resort group based in the Caribbean and America, which analysts believe is worth up to £400 million. American hotel chains such as ITT Sheraton, Hilton Hotels Group, Marriott and Renaissance were all last night

named as potential bidders. A successful sale of the Princess chain leaves open the poss-ibility that Lonrho will still proceed with a flotation of the five UK-based Metropole hotels. The group focuses on the large conference sector; it may command a higher UK stock market rating shorn of the Princess chain. A number of potential bidders in the UK hotel sector ruled themselves out of the bidding yesterday, including Sir Rocco Forte, who has been seeking suitable acquisitions since losing the Forte business to Granada in a takeover this year. Lonrho shares rose lp to close at 177p. A decision is exp-

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# Weather damage claims

By Marianne Curphey

AN INCREASE in worldwide weather claims dented pre-tax profits for Royal and Sun Alliance (RSA) as it reported its first interim results as a merged company.

The UK's biggest insurance company, formed through the union of Royal Insurance and Sun Alliance in July, said the merger had cost £16 million so far. This is likely to rise to £175 million, roughly equivalent to

expected to result. Pro forma results for the six months to June 30 showed operating profit before tax down from £514 million to £450 million. Realised investment gains were up from £34 million to £109 million. The shares fell 12p to 410p.

Steven Bird, insurance analyst with Merrill Lynch, said RSA needed to make an acquisition to strengthen its position in the market. "At present, it has a weak life company and depends too much on areas which are open to price competition," he said. 'It would be far better for it to look for specialised sectors."

RSA has already announced the closure of 94 branches and 1,300 jobs. It aims to reduce its worldwide workforce by 5,000 from the current level of 45,000 by 1998. Staff numbers at both head offices are to be

An interim dividend of 6.5p per share is being paid and RSA said it was still on target to pay a final dividend of 19p per share.

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# SFO on alert over Morgan Grenfell

By ROBERT MILLER

THE Serious Fraud Office unquoted European investmay launch an investigation into the way in which £1.4 billion worth of investors\* money was managed by Morgan Grenfell, one of the City's leading fund managers.

As investors yesterday withdrew Ell4 million from the European Morgan Grenfell funds at the centre of an inquiry by City watchdogs, the SFO said that it had continued to monitor developments closely, although it had not yet been passed a case file.

The fraud office only accepts cases involving more than El million and where "serious and complex" fraud is alleged to have taken place. A senior SFO lawyer has received a briefing from officials at the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation (Imro). the UK watchdog for fund

managers. The briefing centred on the alleged irregularities relating

ments held in the three Morgan Grenfell funds. These were managed by Peter Young, 38, who was suspended on Monday after being interviewed by Imro officials. The Morgan Grenfell inves-

tigation, spearheaded by Imro and the Securities and Futures Authority (SFA), a fellow watchdog, also involves overes such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in America and authorities in Luxembourg Switzerland.

The investigation that led to the suspension of Mr Young began in April when the FBI launched an inquiry into the affairs of Solv-Ex, a New Mexico company that extracts

oil from sand. In June the Securities and Exchange Commission, the US stock market watchdog. notified the SFA, its UK counterpart, that it was looking at

# to the valuation of certain **Private investors** sell £114m units as dealing resumes

By CAROLINE MERRELL

PRIVATE investors in the three Morgan Grenfell unit trusts being investigated by Imro sold holdings worth E114 million when dealings in the funds resumed yesterday.

The price of the funds fell by about 3.5 per cent yesterday. In the previous six months, they had fallen by 14 per cent, against the flat trend for European trusts.

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Morgan Grenfell yesterday held out no promise of compensation for investors for these losses, although the investment house earlier in the week pledged that no investor would suffer loss through recent events. It said: "The fund managers will meet their liability in respect of any irregularities identified in the course of the investigation."

Dealing in the trusts was suspended at the start of this week after watchdog concern about the pricing and high levels of unquoted stock held

Graham Kane, Morgan Grenfell Asset Management managing director, yesterday said it was relieved that the number of redemptions was not higher. He said the funds had more than enough cash to meet investors' demands.

Deutsche Bank, Morgan Grenfell's parent company, stepped in earlier in the week to buy all the unquoted stock about which there were valuation doubts. The three funds, worth about £1.4 billion in total, are now carrying about £300 million in cash.

Mr Kane said: "Investors are ... those who invested through financial advisers and those who invested directly. Most financial advisers seem to be telling their clients to hold on to their investments. Those who invested directly may be more prone to sell."

the role played by Fiba Nor-dic, an SFA member, which arranged a private placement of \$70 million worth of Solv-Ex shares. In the same month the SFA in London received further reports about certain transactions in Solv-Ex shares and widened its investigation. The following month two new names came to the attention of investigators, Ice Securities, also an SFA member, and Mr

Morgan Grenfell has confirmed that independent valuations on the unquoted holdings in the European funds were most often carried out by Fiba Nordic and Ice

Securities. It was in July that the SFA notified Imro about the pos-sible trading links between Mr Young, the Morgan Grenfell funds and a third company, Russ Oil & Technology, a firm registered in Luxem-

Mr Young is said to have a close personal involvement with the Luxembourg com-pany and Morgan Grenfell and Royal Bank of Scotland have issued a High Court writ freezing the fund manager's assets and those of Russ Oil & Technology. The writ specifi-cally forbids the dealing in warrants and shares in Xavier Mines, a Canadian drilling company. It is understood that the Xavier Mines warrants may have been pledged as security against some or all of the £400,000 purchase price of Mr Young's house in Amersham, Bucks, where he recently moved with his wife

Investigators are now also examining possible links between Mr Young and a Swiss law firm which is alleged to have conducted a considerable number of trades for Russ Oil

& Technology. In a separate and unrelated move yesterday Stewart Armer, the manager of Morgan Grenfell's Europa fund, was also suspended. Mr Armer is alleged to have breached personal account dealing rules by dealing through an outside broker rather than an in-house one as the rules stipulate. The alleged infringement came to light during the course of the Imro investigation of Mr Young's



John Church, the chairman of Church & Co, the footwear company, put his best foot forward yesterday, reporting a pre-tax profit of £1.25 million in the six months to June 30, up 23 per cent. The company will pay an interim dividend of 3.25p, up from 3p

# 'Best buy' card rating defended

THE Consumers' Association has de-fended a report in the latest edition of Which?, its magazine, that highlighted its own credit card as a "best buy". The card was launched two weeks ago and is run by Beneficial Bank, which pays the

association £5 for every card taken out. The report recommends the Gold Visa version as a best buy for people who pay most of their credit card bills in full. The standard version of the card gets only one Which? red star, again as a card for those who pay their balance in full. Sheila

McKechnie, director of the association, personally endorses the Which? card in an advertisement in the same issue.

Kate Scribbins, head of the association's money group, said: "We have strict guidelines, which mean our researchers treat the Which? card like any other credit card. We also have an external audit panel which ensures we remain squeaky clean, with no crossover between the commercial and research sides. She added: "The card did not come out well in all categories, which proves our research is impartial."

The report fails to point out that some

cards — including the Which? card — charge interest from the date of transaction or purchase rather than the posting date, which means you pay a few more days' interest. Beneficial has altered the terms of its other affinity cards to charge interest from the purchase date.

Steve Harris, the association's director of communications, said: "We negotiated the terms of our card carefully with Beneficial Bank. They were not imposed upon us. It is important to look at the whole package, not one detail."

# P-reg car sales just off 480,000 in August

By Kevin Eason, motoring editor

CAR sales surged to the sec- 12,000, while Vauxhall was ond highest monthly total on record in August as motorists dashed to take advantage of what could be the last annual registration letter change.

Figures published yesterday showed that 479,407 cars with the new P-registration plate left showrooms last month, an increase of 2.2 per cent over August last year and enough to put car sales on course for two million this year, the best performance since 1990.

Alan Pulham, director of National Franchised Dealers\* Association, said: "It is good news for the industry, the carbuying public and the econo-The appearance of stability in the economy, rising house prices and falling unemployment seems to have

created a 'feel-better' factor." But according to the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders imports accounted for 62.8 per cent of sales, up from 60 per cent last year. Of the big three British manufacturers. Ford sales fell more than

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USA \$	1.666	1.53

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however, managed an in-In spite of the August rise, motor industry executives remained cautious about the

underlying strength of sales. Ernie Thompson, the society's chief executive, said that retail sales were sluggish last month, traditionally the time when private motorists heavily outnumber company car buyers. Sales to private customers totalled 270,978, 57 per cent of the market in a month when the industry would expect that share to be more than 60 per cent. Retail sales have been slow for two years, but have shown signs of improvement in the past few months.

Mr Thompson, said: "The good news is that we have enjoyed the second highest monthly car market ever. The not so good news is that the retail market, which has been growing at 10 per cent recently, slowed to less than I per cent in spite of the massive marketing campaign."

He blamed the annual registration letter change for distorting industry sales, with about 25 per cent of the total year's sales crammed into one four-week period. The industry estimates it costs El billion to store extra stocks, process paperwork and finance, and deliver so many cars in so short a period.

The Government is due to issue a consultation paper on ways to change the registra-tion system, but it is widely believed the P-plate could be the last of the annual changes.

The top ten best selling cars in August were: 1, Ford Fiesta (32,650); 2, Ford Escort (31,461); 3. Ford Mondeo (20,442); 4, Vauxhall Vectra Vauxhall Astra Vauxhall Corsa 7, Renault Clio 8. Peugeot 306 13.980); 9, Rover 400 (13,590); 10. Volkswagen Polo (12,462).



Sir Colin Chandler will become chairman as well as chief executive for a year

# Vickers advances 18% despite cars setback

By Alasdair Murray

expressed concern over the

number of orders for Challeng-

er tanks and disappointment

that the dividend was margin-

ally below expectations.

IMPROVED sales in its defence and propulsion divisions helped Vickers, the defence and hi-tech engineering company, to increase half-year profits by 18 per cent to E32 million.

But profits in the automotive division fell despite strong demand for Rolls-Royce cars. Vickers said that while sales of Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars increased by 26 per cent, profits were held back by heavy investment costs and a decline in sales of high-margin tailor-made cars.

The Cosworth engine division, meanwhile, enjoyed success in the IndyCar 500 racing Sir Colin Chandler, chief executive, said the company and International Touring Car championships. Its new was looking for acquisitions Formula I VIO engine will be used by Jackie Stewart's but no purchases were imminent, Sir Colin will additionally Grand Prix team next year. become chairman when the Total sales for the six months current incumbent, Sir Richard to June 30 rose by 11 per cent to Lloyd, retires in April. Sir Colin E554 million and the dividend will hold both positions for a by 12.5 per cent to 27p. Gearing year while Vickers searches for was 8 per cent at the half-year a new chief executive. Chris point. But the shares fell 12p to close at 259.5p as analysts

Woodwark, chief executive of Rolls-Royce, will become chief operating officer at Vickers. Roger Head will step down as finance director next April. The interim dividend is payable on October 16.

# CBI warns Labour on **'miracle** cure' offer

By Phillp Bassett INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Confederation of British Industry last night warned Tony Blair and the Labour Party against offering a "miracle cure" for the British economy in the run-up to the

general election. The CBI coupled the warning with an equivalent dose of caution for the Government not to put at risk, for electoral reasons, the economic gains of the past three years.

The warning to both political parties came from Adair Turner, the CBI's Director-General, in a speech last night to a group of business leaders

in Glasgow.

He urged the Government

not to place at risk the sound basis which the tough decisions of 1993 have now given us", while to the "wannabe government" of the Labour Party he gave warning "not to fool themselves that a miracle cure for our economy is either needed or possible".

Speaking at the CBI's annual Scottish dinner, Mr Turner said that, while the UK economy was doing well, it could do still better to close the gap with its biggest competitors. He said: "While relative decline has been halted, we have not yet caught up with richer competitors, with a 15-year growth rate in line with the European average — not

better." To improve, Britain needed continuity, fiscal responsibility and improved invest-

In particular in an election year, borrowing needed to be kept on a steady downward path - not allowed to let slip and then corrected with a jolt

CBI leaders, however, are determined to maintain political neutrality in the run-up to the general election, and, while a statement from Mr Turner warning particularly of the need for continuity in the industrial relations climate was seen as a criticism of the Labour Party, his call for a long-term view of investment was seen as being critical of the Conservatives.

Mr Turner's warning followed a fresh attempt by the Labour Party to win support from business this week.

#### BUSINESS ROUNDUP

# Refuge sets date for shareholder meeting

REFUGE ASSURANCE has confirmed that it is postponing until September 26 the shareholder meeting called to approve its £1.5 billion merger with United Friendly. It was originally scheduled for Monday. The move follows Refuge's decision to bow to pressure from institutional shareholders and improve its offer. The institutional shareholders, which include Prudential, Perpetual, Britannic and Mercury Asset Management, were concerned that surpluses might exist in Refuge's funds that should be attributable to shareholders.

Refuge is now proposing to issue a form of warrant entitling shareholders to any surplus that might become available in the future. Refuge said yesterday that the terms of the proposed merger remained unchanged.

# Clothing jobs at risk

CLAREMONT Garments said it was considering shutting its Glasgow plant and switching production to other sites in the North East, putting up to 700 jobs at risk. The company has agreed to a request from the GMB union to look at other possibilities and talks are now under way. Claremont, based in Peterlee, Durham, is a volume clothing maker and a big supplier to Marks & Spencer. It has eight plants in the North East and others in the Midlands and South of England.

# Johnson Fry divestment

JOHNSON FRY, the asset management group, is to divest its housing management division, either through a trade sale or stock market flotation. The business directly manages 15,000 residential properties and earned profits of £1.38 million in the six months to June 30. Yesterday Johnson Fry reported interim pre-tax profits of £1.5 million (£1.3 million) and earnings of 7.2p a share (5.3p). The interim dividend is held at 2p.

# Seagram sees decline

SEAGRAM, whose companies include the MCA film studio and Oddbins, yesterday reported net income of \$85 million, or 23 cents a share, in the five months to the end of June, compared with \$117 million, or 32 cents a share, in the comparable period in 1995. The five-month period reflects the transition to a fiscal year-end of June 30 from January 31. As expected, MCA's operating earnings fell. Higher investment saw a 19 per cent decline to \$88 million.

# **C&G** cuts mortgage rate

CHELTENHAM & GLOUCESTER, the mortgage arm of Lloyds TSB, is cutting its base mortgage rate to 6.85 per cent from 6.9 per cent. The new rate is effective from Monday for new applicants and from October 1 for existing borrowers. The current standard variable rate is 6.99 per cent. C&G is withdrawing its discount mortgages from Monday and restricting the maximum 3 per cent cash gift to people moving house. Remortgage customers will be limited to a 2 per cent gift.

# **Rebound by Germany**

THE German economy recovered more strongly than expected in the second quarter but unemployment remained stubbornly high in August. Gross domestic product jumped 1.5 per cent, having contracted 0.5 per cent in the first quarter. Separate figures showed that those out of work increased in August by 14.000 to a seasonally adjusted 3.939 million. The unemployment rate was unchanged at 10.3 per cent. The rebound contrasted with a 0.4 per cent growth fall in France.

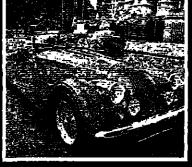
# Fivefold rise at Pace

PACE MICRO TECHNOLOGY, the electronics company, yesterday reported a fivefold rise in pre-tax profits to £18.2 million in the year to May 31 on turnover of £196 million, up 96 per cent. The company said the strong results were due to the introduction of digital products such as decoder boxes for pay-TV systems. The first interim dividend, not yet set, is to be paid in April. The shares closed at 2085 p, down 55 p. The company was floated in June at 172p.

# Sema £62m contracts

SEMA, the information technology company, has won two contracts, worth £62 million over five years, to provide IT services for two aeronautical divisions of SNECMA of France. Sema made pre-tax profits of £19.8 million in the half-year to June 30, against £16 million previously, on turnover up by 33 per cent, to £427 million. Earnings per share rose 26 per cent, to 13.23p. An interim dividend of 2.3p, up 21 per cent, is due on November I. The shares gained 31½ p, to 773p.

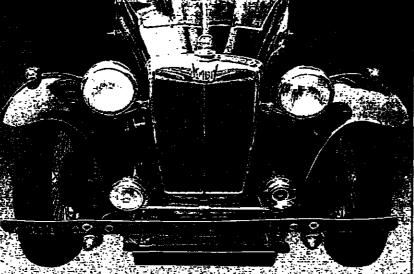
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# Eating switch helps to save Hillsdown bacon

mixed fortunes to Hillsdown Holdings in the six months to June 30. While health concerns eroded meat profits, sales of poultry and fish advanced strongly.

Yesterday the company, whose interests range from food to furniture, reported interim pre-tax profits of £43.7 million, compared with an exceptional loss of £68.1 million in the first half of the previous year. Sir John Nott,

THE BSE crisis brought chairman, described the results as encouraging and added that the outlook for the full year was promising.

Operating profits in the meat and produce division fell from £7.6 million to £4.3 million. Conversely, fish and poultry sales were lifted by the switch in eating habits. Profits from poultry, which includes Buxted Chicken, rose 21 per cent to £17.4 million. The dividend is unchanged at 2.2p. Shares fell 4½p to 180p.

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☐ Green light may be too costly for Wessex ☐ Royal and Sun Alliance waiting game ☐ Auditing standards hit by changes

☐ IT IS now six months since Wessex Water said it was planning to bid for its neighbour, South West Water. The prospect of two of the paddling pools of the privatised utility sector comine privatised utility sector coming together had a certain appeal. But then one of the swimming pools, Severn Trent, announced it was wading in. Ofwat decided to call time out on the whole several and most it to the whole process and pass it to the Monopolies and Mergers

The MMC is due to pass its views to Ian Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, by September 27, Wessex expects to be given the green light and see Severn Trent blocked.

its belief is that the MMC is unconcerned about the possible concentation in the waste busi-ness. Although Severn Trent, with Biffa, and Wessex, with its joint venture with Waste Management International and UK Waste, are substantial players in the sector, South West's Haul-Waste is concentrated in its home territory and so there is not a massive overlap.

What is going to excite the attention of the regulators is the coming together of the actual water businesses. Ian Byatt at Ofwat is not a fan of Severn Trent. He thinks it is too big anyway and the prospect of it buying South West, so ending up supplying a fifth of the population of the UK

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Problems surface at the deep end with water, may be too much to swallow. Wessex, on the other hand, has just 2.5 million cus-

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hand, has just 25 million customers and together with South West would still only be the third smallest water company.

Assuming Ian Lang gives the green light to at least the Wessex offer, there is still an intriguing question as to what might actually happen. As Wessex shareholders file into today's annual meeting at the approannual meeting, at the appro-priately chosen venue of the Assembly Rooms, Bath, they might like to ask its chairman, Nicholas Hood, whether any of the events of the past six months might make Wessex rethink its desicion to hid for Smith Worth.

decision to bid for South West. In particular shareholders might wonder what is happening with Wessex's relationship with Waste Management International. It holds 20 per cent of Wessex's shares and 50 per cent of the UK Waste joint venture. But Phillip Rooney, the president of its US parent company, WMX Industries, has said he wants to sell off all its non-core assets and Goldman Sachs has been hired to advise WMI on how it can extricate itself from Wessex. If

this 20 per cent stake is up for sale, then it would be pretty hard for Wessex to underwrite a share issue to fund a South West deal, given that it would have to pay in excess of Wessex's current market value of £750 million. If WMI is selling its half of UK Waste, Wessex would want to buy it. Like buses, Wessex will find that

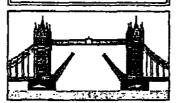
Mr Hood has been pretty tight-lipped on the company's ongoing realtionship with WMI. He will have to come clean before the MMC rules, or else Wessex could be left with a green light for a bid it cannot finance.

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#### Alliance waits for benefits to show

☐ IT will be a good six months before shareholders in the newly formed Royal and Sun Alliance know whether the merger between the two insurance giants has been a success. Though the board has made much of the expected cost savings from the deal, its presentation yesterday was short on detail of how this

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ing plenty of cash sloshing about in the reserves, it is loath to grace the market with a share buyback, and said it would be too busy in the short term to think about acquisitions.

The insurance sector is undergoing its biggest shake-up in recent memory as companies struggle to keep down costs while the industry reaches the bottom of its cycle. Royal Insurance and Sur Allican are the surance and Sun Alliance are the first composites to take the merger route, and have the perfect opportunity to slim down their operations and emerge leaner and meaner than the competition. However, the company is talking excitedly about international expansion without

having put its UK house in order. And there is much to do there: the life company is rel-atively weak, the direct in-surance business needs building up, while motor and household rates show little sign of strong rises in premium rates in the

But at least it does not have the problems of Refuge Assurance, which this week attempted to quell opposition to its merger with United Friendly by offering a sweetener to shareholders. The Refuge-United Friendly

deal has been a lesson for the insurance industry in how not to handle a merger. The deal appeared to have been put together in haste, neither company has come up with a clear figure for anticipated cost sav-ings and shareholders threat-ened to block the deal in a row over orphan assets. Refuge shareholders must be wondering whether they would be better off taking a 20 per cent premium from a predator and forgetting about the merger altogether. Royal and Sun Alliance shareholders should know by March

lawyers and management consultancy fees have created an industry front-runner or a lame

#### Ruining the auditors

BY THE standards of some fat cats, the £740,000 paid to Colin Sharman is a small tin of Colin Sharman is a small tin of Whiskas. But until the beginning of this year, the senior partner of KPMG ran a risk of ruin because of the actions of his colleagues that simply do not exist for George Simpson. The incorporation of KPMG's audit side was designed to take away that risk. Most people thought it was a Most people thought it was a good thing. Stewart Colley, of the £6.5 billion British Steel Pension

Fund, disagrees.

Mr Colley believes that auditors do their job better if they know that a cock-up would mean that someone could sue them for everything they, and their part-ners, own. This would mean that in a giant practice like KPMG, a mistake in the auditing of any of the 400 quoted companies KPMG polices could mean that a

tax partner in Welwyn Garden
City would lose his home, his car
and his golf club membership.
The auditors disagree. We are
professional and do a professional job, they say. We work
no better with a financial Sword
of Damocles over our heads. of Damocles over our heads. That is why some are incorporating and some, such as Ernst & Young or Price Waterhouse, looking to scuttle offshore to set up in Jersey, Bermuda or, god forbid, the Isle of Man.

Neither solution is desperately appealing, though the incorpora-tion option does have the advan-tage of giving the auditors a UK presence. Mr Colley's protest may not gain much support from other investors but it does other investors, but it does highlight the question of whether shareholders, who are the real clients of the auditors, get the service they deserve.

#### Which hunt

SO THE Consumers Association launches a credit card and two weeks later Which? says this is a "best buy". What next? It comes out with a washing machine, an alcopop, a timeshare? The credit card should be withdrawn and refunds given to subscribers to the Which? money guides. And the Consumers Association needs to act quickly to restore its credibility. Sheila McKechnie's

# GrandMet starts European sell-off

By Sarah Cunningham

of the sales should be conclud-

GRAND METROPOLITAN, the food and drinks group, has sold Erasco, its Germanbased food business, to the Campbell Soup Company for £140 million and plans to sell another ten of its smaller European food businesses.

The move has raised expectations that the group is planning a share buyback, and may seek shareholder consent its annual meeting in

The other businesses to be businesses last year were £370

AMEC, the construction and

engineering group, has dou-

bled pre-tax profits to £12

million for the six months to

June 30. Results have been

helped by record order books and the sale of its stake in

BPMS, the facilities manage-

ment company, for £38 mil-

tion last week should help the

full-year figures (Oliver Au-

sold are expected to raise around £100 million and most

ed by December. These businesses include Shippams, Peter's Savoury Products, Memory Lane Cakes and Fleur de Lys in the UK; Hoffman-Menu and Goldstein in Germany; Brossard in France and Italy; Suzy and Desobry in Belgium and Driehoek in The Netherlands.

Peter Mason, the new

chief executive said re-

newed emphasis would be

placed on international and

especially European activi-

ties. Only 30 per cent of

and Mr Mason hopes to

Group turnover grew 16 per cent to £1.3 billion but the interim is pegged at 1.5p.

achieve a 50-50 split.

The combined sales of these

Amec at the double

million, with operating profits of £10 million. GrandMet will maintain a

food presence in Europe with four market-leading international brands. They will be grouped under

Pillsbury Europe, the re-named GrandMet Foods Europe, whose headquarters will be moved from Paris to Uxbridge. The four brands are Pillsbury, the chilled dough makers, Green Giant, the leading tinned sweetcorn Häagen-Dazs icecream and Old El Paso Mexi-

The food company sales, the Pearle opticians business in America, which should also be concluded by December and raise more than £100 million, are expected to bring down GrandMet's debts from £2.9 billion to nearer £2.4 billion by the year-end. On the Stock Exchange,

GrandMet's shares ended

4½p better at 473½p.

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Richard Oster expects a two to three-year payback

# Cookson to spend £25m cutting costs

By CARL MORTISHED

COOKSON GROUP delivered a rude shock to the market yesterday with news of a £25 million restructuring aimed at reducing costs and streamlining the business. The announcement came as the group confirmed a downturn in its electronics materials division, which has suffered from destocking by customers in the personal computer and

mobile telephone industries. Cookson said that the cost reductions would be implemented over the next few months and the £25 million charge would appear in the full-year accounts for 1996. Richard Oster, chief executive said that he expected a two to three-year payback on the cost chairman, said: "Every now and then you look in the cupboard or the attic and see

that there is tidying up to do." Pre-tax profits for the half year to June 30 rose 5 per cent, to £85.3 million, before exceptional items. The electronic materials division fell 4 per cent, to £34.5 million. The interim payout is rising II per cent, to 3.9p, from unchanged earnings of 8.7p a share.

# Granada plans **Spring Grove** sale for £136m

GRANADA yesterday agreed to sell Spring Grove Services, the textile services company, for £136.5 million as part of its continuing efforts to dispose of non-core businesses in the wake of its £3.8 billion Forte

Davis Service, a big operator in the linen rental and cleaning business, is paying cash for Spring Grove. It announced a one-for-three rights issue, raising E71.5 million, to

help to finance the deal. George Boyle, Davis's finance director, said Spring Grove was a natural fit with Davis's Sunlight division. Spring Grove has 2,500 employees, 40,000 customers, 14 processing plants in the UK. four in the Irish Republic and two in Germany. It reported operating profits of £10.5 million on turnover of £84 million

in its last financial year. Mr Boyle said that Davis could easily squeeze more profits out of Spring Grove. Its profit margins of 15 per cent are five percentage points

below those of Sunlight. He partly attributed Spring Grove's relatively low mar-gins to a series of indifferent owners. Since 1989, Spring Grove has been owned by ADT, P&O and Granada.

He added that there would be redundancies at Spring Grove, but the number would not be large.

Davis's issue of 34.4 million convertible stock units was underwritten by Kleinwort

Benson at 215p apiece. The takeover came as Davis announced a pre-tax profit of EI2.3 million, or 8.14p a share, June, against a pre-tax profit of £11.2 million, or 7.45p a share, previously, Turnover from continuing operations rose marginally to £157.3 million. An interim dividend of 3.39p, up from 3.08p, will be paid on October 25.

Granada said that the Spring Grove sale would raise the total disposal proceeds to £350 million since the Forte acquisition in January.



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# Zeneca hits new high on talk of American bid

THE equity market closed near its best levels of the day, supported by suggestions that a bid will emerge this morning for a constituent of the FT-SE 100 index.

The spotlight immediately fell on Zeneca, that old takeover favourite that ended the session 43p dearer at a new high of £15.87'2 on talk that Warner Lambert, the giant US pharmaceutical group, is poised to offer £23 a share, valuing Zeneca at £21.7 billion.

In hectic trading almost three million Zeneca shares changed hands in a market where traders normally quote in 25,000 at a time.

This latest flurry of speculation emanated from the banking sector, where there were suggestions that someone had arranged for an £8 billion line of credit. Some brokers were quick to pour cold water on the story, claiming it was in fact one bank re-organising its syndicated loan book.

But a leading broker said: "There is no reason why Zeneca shares should be at this level, unless somebody knows something is on the

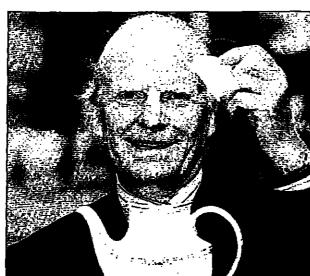
way."
The support for Zeneca also spilled over into Glazo Wellcome, up 24p at 939p, and SmithKline Beecham, 1812p better at 766p.

Elsewhere share prices benefited from the overnight rise on Wall Street and the latest bullish retail survey from the CBI showing sales volumes at their highest level for eight years. Despite an early fall in the Dow Jones average, the FT-SE 100 index closed 14.5 points up at 3,887.2. Conditions remained difficult with turnover at a low ebb, only 661

million shares being traded. Traders were also keeping a close eye on Lucas Industries, down 5p at 23lp. The merger with Varity in the US is about to be completed and the enlarged company could be catapaulted into the top 100

Dixons helped to underpin the CBI's findings. It confirmed to shareholders at the annual meeting that sales growth throughout the summer had remained buoyant. During the first 18 weeks of the current financial year like-forlike sales were up it per cent and margins remained firm. The shares responded with a jump of 11 2p at 542p

J Sainsbury slipped 212p to 37512p with brokers worried that the group is still losing



Good results at Royal Doulton, up 10p. for Mark Burrell

market share to Tesco, up 6p at 297p. ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker, is said to have downgraded its recommendation.

said the disposal formed part

of a re-alignement of its Euro-

Grand Metropolitan was barely moved by news of the sale of its Erasco food business in Germany to Campbell Soup for £140 million. GrandMet

was on target to achieve promised savings of £175 million. The shares were 112p easier at 410p. Cookson, which earlier this year lost its place as a constituent of the FT-SE 100 index. dropped 6p to 25lp as brokers

some way to soothing market

jitters by confirming that it

began downgrading their full-

year profits forecasts after

National Power fell 8½p, to 386½p, on turnover of more than three million shares as Kleinwort Benson, the broker, took the unusual step of downgrading its recommendation from a "hold" to a "sell". Apparently, Kleinwort has been telling clients that the outlook for the company is uncertain after 1998.

pean food operations. It intends to retain the betterknown brands such as Green Giant, Haagen-Dazs and Pillsbury. The shares ended

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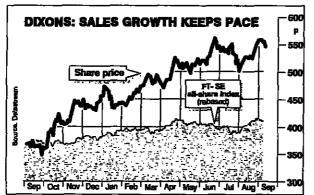
Lourho firmed lp to 177p after announcing it had post-poned the £700 million flotation of its Metropole Hotel chain after being approached by several outright buyers. Royal & Sun Alliance went

profits were up £4.1 million at E85.3 million. SBC Warburg, the broker, immediately moved to cut its forecast for the full year by £10 million to £191 million. Half-year figures from Vickers, the defence and Rolls-

interim figures failed to match

their expectations.Pre-tax

Royce luxury motor car manufacturer, were also given a lukewarm reception from the



12p to 259p. Brokers are wor-ried about a decline in margins at Rolls-Royce. Largescale boardroom changes were reported.

Burmah Castrol was wanted, finishing 5p dearer at £10.94 ahead of going exdividend.

Arjo Wiggins Appleton, the papermaker, tried to offer a few words of comfort for hardpressed shareholders after reporting a plunge in profits. But the shares finished 5p off at 18112p after brokers came away from meeting the company disappointed.

The market gave a warm reception to half-year figures from Royal Doulton, the fine china group recently floated off from Pearson and headed by Mark Burrell, chairman. The shares finished the session 10p dearer at 28512p after weighing in with profits at the

top end of expectations. The petrol price wars have left their mark on half-year figures from Frost Group, the petrol retailer, with profits taking a nosedive. The shares touched 11312p before recovering to finish all-square at 120p.

Doubled pre-tax profits for Amec at the half-way stage was rewarded with a rise of 212p at 98p, while Hillsdown ended 4p lower at 180p after replacing losses last year of £85.7 million with a surplus of £31.7 million.

Sema Group, the information technology specialist, surged 3312p to 775p on the back of a first-half profits surge and the news it had landed two new contracts worth £62 million over the

next seven years.

☐ GILT-EDGED: Investors endured a volatile session with early gains pared back by the latest CBI survey, although prices rallied before the close on the back firmer overseas bond markets.

In the futures pit, the December series of the long gilt rose five ticks to El069/32 as a total of 56,000 contacts were

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payroll report. Shares largely ecouped earlier losses and by midday the Dow Jones Industrial average was 3.33 points lower at 5,653.57.

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# **TEMPUS** Tarnished performance

basis, gearing would be

about 70 per cent. However,

GrandMet prefers to allow

the stock market to measure its worth: the ratio of its

borrowings to market

capitalisation is only 28 per

Buy-backs have recently

become a statement of confi-

dence rather than a sign that

THERE is a fashion among large industrial companies to use big performance targets as both a carrot and a goad for managers to perform more effectively. The management of Cookson, the metals and engineering group, likes to brandish them in public too, but this time the company may well undershoot its goal of doubling profits in three years. The downturn in the personal computer industry has probably put paid to that. But for Cookson investors the targets are better ignored — the company never promised that growth would be organic; an acquisition

could change the picture. The figures revealed yesterday were not that bad — the company had some areas of good growth and an exceptional performance from engineered products. The unexpectedly bad numbers came from two areas, cash flow

and a sudden rush to clamp down on costs. Much of the E25 million restructuring charge is cash, suggesting the head count will fall The impression is that Cookson has allowed the organisation to become top-heavy during its rapid expansion. More worrying is the huge cash drain in the first half which in part can be blamed on a build-up of slow moving stock as customers stopped buying new equipment. Cookson has hired consultants to help sort out the working capital, which suggests the problem is more than a blip. 41\1-

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Nevertheless it would be wrong to dramatise the difficulties. In setting improbable goals, Cookson is its own worst enemy. If the computer industry comes surging back in the autumn, Cookson shares are a raging buy at these levels. More likely is a gentle recovery - which leaves them fairly rated.

out. But if the market

attributes such huge good-

will to GrandMet (it is worth

remembering that the com-

pany already capitalises some brands) it is because

investors expect the com-

pany to use its funds to grow,

not to shrink. Buying back

looks more like a move to

pacify critics than encourage

#### GrandMet

GRAND Metropolitan was dropping heavy hints yester-day that it would not be stuffing its piggy bank with the proceeds of the sale of the European foods businesses. But it seems premature to talk of returning capital to shareholders.

The food deals will help to reduce the borrowings. The sale of Erasco has raised £140 million, but it has by far the most profitable of the companies being sold: the rump should only raise about £100 million.

Still, those deals - togeth er with the planned sale of the Pearle US opticians chain, which should raise another £100 million - are expected to help to bring net borrowings down from £2.9 billion to between £2.4 billion and £2.5 billion by the year-end. On a debt-to-equity

# investment ideas have run **EUROFOOD TO GO** 420

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#### Arjo Wiggins

SHAREHOLDERS in Arjo Wiggins Appleton share a key characteristic with the paper group's products. Both have been through the mill to emerge flattened at the other end. The share price has been flattened by profit warnings this year and the departure of senior executives has done little to inspire confidence.

Nevertheless, yesterday's interim figures brought a glimmer of hope. The volatility in pulp and paper prices seems to be easing a trend that would help to remove the cycle of inventory build up and destocking by customers. Calmer conditions should relieve the pressure on margins but real progress will depend on sustained economic recov-

The City is also adopting a wait and see approach, after being caught out by the unpredictability of the commodity led market last year. A year ago, unveiling a 29 per cent rise in interims, Arjo

was expecting pulp prices to hold steady and destocking to be a shortlived trend.

By November that optimism had crumbled and a profit warning was issued. Arjo's restructuring plan will help to reduce costs, but cautious investors may prefer to wait. The third quarter figures should reveal whether the optimistic outlook is instified and how soon real growth will be delivered.

### Burford Group

IN A sector filled with dullards. Burford Group sparkles and it is worth pondering why this should be so. The company is well known for having secondguessed the cycle, degearing just as the market peaked in 1990. However, guessing correctly the peak and trough of a market is as much luck as good judgment and no one should assume Burford will be as accurate next time

because it looks at real estate as a means to an end rather than an end in itself. In other words, the Trocadero is an interesting investment, not because it is a great building (it is not) but because it has a huge number of visitors who currently spend little money in the centre. Hence, the decision to invest in leisure at tractions, Likewise, Burford's decision to move into hotels The West End is full of re dundant office buildings and Burford has identified a need for an upmarket stylish hotel, catering to media types in Soho and Covent Garden. Office rents remain low, other than in exceptional locations, so the added value of a hotel should improve returns. At £120 per night, fill-

problem. The stock market is full of companies that want to believe in property for its own sake; those that are successful will not be so foolish.

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#### In the net for ING Barings

OUTRAGE has broken out at ING Barings after news was leaked this week that the merchant bank's netball team is being sent on an all-expenses-paid trip to New York. Cries of injustice" could be heard after it was announced that the sporty gals are jetting off. Club Class of course, to the United States, Dawn Dennison, a presentation specialist in ING Barings's Corporate Finance Division, is on holiday and unable to comment, but word from the sideline is that the netball team are having a "good season".

#### Cuba's finest

PARTIAL to an after-dinner cigar, Richard Oster, chief executive of Cookson. wasn't always a fan of the noble weed. In the heat of the abortive merger talks with Johnson Matthey. David Davies, chairman and chief executive, took his would-be partner to Fox. the cigar emporium on St James's Street, and selected a few hundred of Cuba's finest for the American to sample. Mrs Oster. was less enthused about her husband's new passion, however, particularly when the bill arrived. But for the Cookson chief execbetter ideas that emerged from his dalliance with Johnson Matthey.

LEEDS. the textile company whose shares fell 30 per cent vesterday after a profit warning, was clearly acting out of hubris when it made its last acquisition — of an Italcally named Nemesis.



## Smoking ban

ANALYSTS and journalists walking into Molins's results meeting yesterday will have missed the fug of smoke that used to greet them. This is the first year that the cigarette machine company has banned smoking at the meeting. Since the arrival of Peter Harrisson as chief executive and Peter Grant as finance director, both nonsmokers, the company has cleaned up its act

WHATS in a name? A lot according to M&G. Britain's oldest unit trust group, which has fielded more than 500 telephone calls since the news broke at the start of the week that all is not well at Morgan Grenfell. Anxious M&G investors asking "Is it true?" and MG investors desperate to sell their European holdings have kept the switchboard busy. One caller singled out David Morgan. M&G's bemused managing director.

## Drip technique

YORKSHIRE WATER has agreed to pay £90,000 in compensation to the residents of a village in the Pennines after months of disruption caused by repair works to leaking water pipes. Cheques for £60 apiece will shortly be landing on the doormats of all 1,500 householders in Southowram. The inconvenience occurred while Yorkshire Water was working on a £12 million pilot scheme in Bradford and Calderdale, to reduce water leaks and establish how best to prevent leaks.

# Post Office's future may depend on this dispute with no winners

Philip Bassett on the stand-off in Royal Mail

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conflict

ritain's postal service is today on hold. The Post Office's statutory letter monopoly ran out at midnight. But the main postal union is not yet calling more strikes. Squeezed in the middle, the Post Office's business is being

hit hard. Leaders of the Communication Workers' Union have deferred further strikes while putting the Royal Mail's current pay and practices package to branch secretaries next week. The tactic has thwarted plans of Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, to extend for three months a suspension of the under-£1 letter monopoly. The Post Office waits, fielding complaints about service in an era of ever-easier, ever-faster forms of communication.

The strikes mark a dispute that has gone badly wrong. Although danger signals were hoisted early this year by both sides, neither imagined that matters would reach the current state of bleak intransigence - with the Post Office's trade a heavy loser.

For the Post Office, the dispute has been nothing but bad news. This early test of John Roberts, its new chief executive, has been handled the in a classic way: proposals, offers and revisions. This careful negotiation, taking in the full industrial relations machinery, including long visits to the conciliation service Acas, has looked weak to the Post Office's political and commercial opponents, and, to fundamentalists on the union side, it has appeared that further gains were endlessly available.

The Post Office has communicated its aims poorly. Even after eight strikes, few people are aware of why it sees the principle of US-style teamworking as so important to its future — though lurking beneath the American human resource language is an oldfashioned power struggle



Standstill: mail strikes and suspension of the Post Office monopoly have failed to bring out commercial carriers

ground level - managers or rrkers.

The greatest risk to the Post Office has been in business terms. Much of its ultimately unsuccessful argument in recent years with the Government over greater commercial freedom and ultimately privatisation has been about competition - the hugely increased number of methods by which information can be sent. The Post Office estimates that it could be losing up to £5 billion in revenue for each strike day. For business customers, the strikes really matter, too. For

small firms awaiting orders or payments, not having the mail come can, in some cases, mean going under. In spite of faxes, careful company lawyers still usually require signed paper. The Direct Marketing Association, representing firms selling to people at home, estimates that each day's strike has

cost its members Ell million.

Many companies, previously

wary of what they thought were technical complexities of elec-tronic mail, have discovered through the strikes, that emailing, once set up, is only a mouse button away, and many will stick to this far-faster form after the dispute is over.

For the public, the dispute has had barely any impact, with the post becoming another of those so-called vital services that, when considered dispassionately in its absence, seems less indispensible than once thought. For most people, the post at home consists mainly of junk mail, which no one cares about, or bills, which most people are glad to see delayed. On any one day, there is a

substantial number of people with birthdays, or awaiting exam results, job offers or similar important mail -- but it is a minority. In any case, people generally do not know that a letter is due to arrive, and so do not much miss it when it fails to come on one day, but pops

through the letterbox the next. It remains to be seen whether, with the end of the holiday period, public pressure to settle the dispute starts to rise.

For the Government, the dispute has, up to now, been far from a win. Postmen are popular, and even a string of strikes has not changed that yet, and, in spite of Mr Lang's pithy categorisation of the CWU as a "bonehead" union, ministers have not yet succeeded in depicting it as a villain.

nder pressure from Conservatives still smarting at the CWU's role in thwarting privatisation of the Royal Mail - some of whom see the strikes as an opportunity for revenge - ministers have adeptly used the postal strike, and the current rail and nowsettled London Underground and British Airways disputes, to widen the argument.

icant political points by reraising, shortly before a general election, the trade union question - winning at least some public kudos from being seen to be doing something by reviewing the question of further employment law. Indeed. Whitehall insiders

acknowledge that, even with a Commons majority of only one, a quick trade union Bill before the election is far from impossible — particularly since minis-ters feel that it could help them to expose Labour Party divisions. Although Labour has largely kept its cool over the mail dispute, with Tony Blair calling the present package a pretty good offer and urging that it be put to a ballot of CWU members and Labour indicating that it will review its support for the postal workers if more strikes are called, ministers think a further Bill could expose differences between new Labour and old Labour. However, the biggest failure

for the Government in the dispute has been suspending the Post Office's letter monopoly. Seen by ministers as the ultimate weapon, its use has been much less than its threat. Ministers hoped that just raising the prospect of suspension would deflate the CWU — but that hope has proved forlorn. Commercial carriers such as TNT and DHL believe that the suspension so far has had little

companies - in any case often geared towards traffic to and from Britain, rather than inside it - judge that the big investment needed to penetrate the market is not justified by a month-long suspension of the monopoly, or even any subsequent three-month suspension. To even consider entering the market, carriers would need a full and permanent end to the Post Office monopoly - with TNT pressing the Government for its replacement by a sub-El letter duopoly of the Post Office

and, unsurprisingly, TNT.
Small outfits, in Notting-ham and London, for instance, have emerged to do local deliveries, for which the only investment is shoe leather. If the monopoly suspension is end-ed, they will be able to make ministers uncomfortable by urging them not to snuff out their entrepreneurship but to offer them licences. In the main, their impact has been local and limited. The monopoly is back today unless the union calls more strikes.

The Government may be failing to benefit, and the Post Office's trade and its commercial customers may be losing out, but the CWU and its strikers are also being hit hard. The seizure of control of the dispute by the CWU's postal executive has so far removed what Post Office managers believe would have been a settlement long ago had the offer been put to union members. The executive's rejection of offers recommended by Alan Johnson, joint CWU general secretary, has damaged his credibility - already in doubt by some CWU activists, who felt that his close support for Mr Blair was leading him to-

wards seeking a Labour seat. For a close-knit union such as the CWU, still a formidable presence at work, the worst aspect of the dispute is that it is cracking. Post Office managers believe that up to a fifth of postal employees — about 15,000 — are now back working, and mail is unquestionably getting through on strike days, whatever the union claims centrally. Mostly this is in rural areas, where picketing has been light or nil, and the solidity of key areas such as London's Mount Pleasant Liverpool and Manchester makes an overall drift back to work unlikely. However, the harm to CWU coherence is done - and it is likely to worsen if strikes are stepped up beyond one-day stoppages.

All sides are playing a waiting game, with the union's next move likely to be made in the glare of publicity at next week's TUC conference. Pressure to settle is strong - but has so far been resisted with greater strength by union hardliners. The long-term future of the Post Office may well rest on the outcome.

# Small firms under Labour

From Ms Barbara Roche,

Commenting on Labour's manifesto for business, Pennington (September 5) plans for youth training. Nothing could be further from the truth. One of our proposals is that small firms who taken on a longterm unemployed person aged under 25 and offer relevant training should receive a £60 per week tax rebate which could be claimed up front in a lump

sum of £1,560. This would offer small firms who choose to participate help with the perennial problem of cashilow. whilst reducing youth unemployment and improving the skills of these

young people Small firms are essential to our economy because of the wealth they create, the jobs they provide and the develop. They have been let down time and again by this tired Tory Government, whose policy initia-tives now boil down to raising taxes and increasing burdens. In contrast, Labour is working with business to come up with sensible and innovative ideas to support this vital sector, as well as raising the nation's skills base. Both are essential if Britain is once again to become competitive.

Yours faithfully BARBARA RÓCHE MP Shadow Small Business House of Commons, SW1.

#### End gambling in securities trade

From Mr David Bickerton Sir. Given the embarrassment which Flemings must feel at the uncovering of their own rogue trader in Hong Kong, is it not obvious that employees of securities houses (like their colleagues at accountancy. legal and management consultancy firms) should be effectively banned from trading on their own account in the financial markets? Either one is a dispassionate professional or a punter, not both. Yours faithfully. DAVID BICKÉRTON.

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# Hopes high as new captain takes over the helm at GEC

ne of the top jobs in British industry is set to be taken up by a man on whose shoulders rests a mountain of expectations. When George Simpson for mally becomes the managing director of GEC on Monday he will end the 33-year reign of Lord Weinstock and begin investors and brokers hope a new era for the industrial giant which has been criticised for lumbering through life rather than striking forth.

Although Lord Weinstock will remain at GEC for some time, in the advisory position of chairman emeritus, it is now Simpson's show and hopes are high. It has been a long wait for a change of leadership at GEC The appetite for what Simpson might bring to GEC was indicated when the share price jumped early in the year as news leaked that Lucas Industries was about to lose its chief executive to Britain's biggest manufacturer.

But if Simpson is true to his reputation, caution will be the watchword. The new GEC chief, who shaped his career at British Leyland and then British Aerospace before taking the reigns at Lucas, is renowned for his long-term views. But GEC cannot afford to dawdle as international competitors quicken their step.

It is a company which has a finger in many industry pies but one which is led by defence and power systems - the manufacture of power-station equipment and rail and marine apparatus. After those come telecommunications and consumer durables. GEC, which builds submarines at its VSEL shipyards, is also the company behind Hotpoint cookers and Xpelair extraction

GEC does not cover such a breadth of activity on its own. In a series of joint ventures forged over the last ten years it has responded to the fastconsolidating markets in much of its activities - pushing up volume without incurring huge costs. Defence is



George Simpson is renowned for his long-term view

of the US.

Lucas with Varity Corporation

BAe executives have recent-

liaison between the two which

may hasten an alliance. The

Government may have its

reservations about a GEC-

BAe merger. Defence procure-

ment chiefs would be keen to

preserve two defence com-

panies rather than be faced

with just one with which to

ncreasingly aerospace

companies are warning

that mergers will be essen-

Probably the first defence

opportunity that Simpson will

encounter will be via the

French privatisation of Thom-

son, the electronics group.

From here may spring a

strong joint-venture possibili-

tial for survival against the

might of the US industry.

negotiate military contracts.

indicated a desire for a

through GEC-Alsthom; telecommunications is conducted by GPT, a 60-40 link with mens of Germany, and the consumer brands of Hotpoint, Creda and Xpelair among others are part of a joint venture with General Electric, GEC's US namesake.

High on Simpson's list must be to offload some of the more peripheral businesses. He could go so far as a demerger. But, while on the face of it GEC would lend itself to some splitting, the cloud of Hanson's poorly received demerger must hang over such considerations.

A merger is another possibility, fusing GEC's defence business with British Aerospace. A merger with BAe would bolster the defence side of the business as European aerospace companies increasingly sense the need to consoli-

Alcatel has few defence interests and would probably seek a partner, for which role GEC would seem to have ideal credentials. GEC already has a joint venture with Alcatel in GEC-Alsthom, the power systems business, which it recently further cemented by a move to buy Framatome, the French builder of nuclear power stations. The two partners will try to buy Framatome, in which Alcatel has a 44 per cent interest, after the French Government forced it to relinquish majority control six years ago. It is expected that the dual bid will provide Alcatel with additional funds with which to oil a bid for Thomson. Further consolidation in

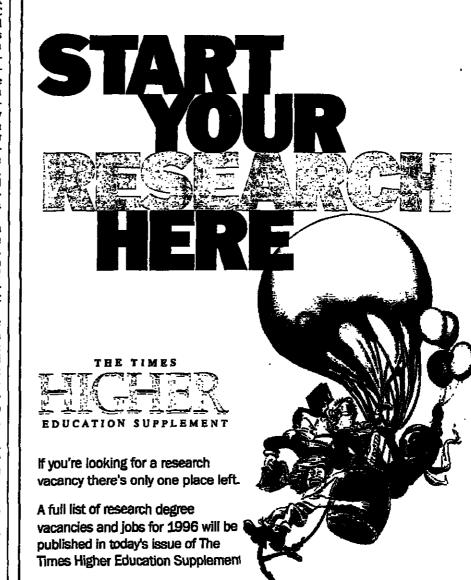
interested in buying the defence division, Thomson-CSF.

European aerospace is high on the agenda of all participants. Europe has much to do to catch up with Raytheon and Hughes in the US and Simpson must position GEC among the frontrunners. Then, of course, there is the

question of what to do with GEC's almost legendary cash ile, amassed by Lord Weinstock Last year interest from the cash mountain which stands at £2.6 billion contributed £151 million to profits. The hoarding of cash has been much to the chagrin of some investors who felt that more aggressive stance would have delivered a more vigorous performance.

Simpson could return cash to shareholders via a special dividend or share buyback but the chances are that he will do none of these things hastily. Shareholders received a 12 per cent rise in the dividend with the last set of results. Profits before exceptionals jumped through the psychologically important £1 billion mark and the order book is strong.

The expectations are high, possibly too high. Activity may be fast in GEC's markets but the new chief executive knows that his positioning of the company to face the next century is crucial.



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# IBM unveils \$700 Internet desktop computer

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

IBM has become the first large computer company to launch a "stripped down" desktop computer, which many in the high-technology industry see as the next generation of computer hardware, for less than \$700.

Yesterday's announcement means that IBM has won the race between major computer makers to produce the new type of computer, which is designed to be more accessible and affordable for ordinary users. Although Acorn, a British

company, developed such a computer several months ago it does not have the same market clout to sell its product as IBM. IBM claims the new device will have as big an impact as the original desktop PC that it popularised and set standards for in the early Eighties.

The new machine is about the size and shape of a tele phone directory standing on end. It does not contain programmes of its own but uses software downloaded from the Internet. It can carry out the most popular functions of desktops, such as word processing and spreadsheets, but is specially designed to work with the Internet and internal company computer networks.

IBM is initially going after the corporate market where companies are eager to find savings on computer equipment. The machines will cost under \$700, compared with more than \$2,000 for an ordinary desktop, and will be cheaper to maintain and run. IBM claims they will cost roughly half the amount of an

ordinary desktop over a five-year period.

The company will launch a consumer version of the new machine next year. Other leading computer companies are expected to launch

their versions in the near future. The new machines are a serious threat to Microsoft, which has gained its dominance by providing operating software for desktops. The fact that they can be downloaded from the Internet is one reason Microsoft is scrambling to gain a dominant position on the system. But so far it is

lagging smaller competitors such as Netscape.

IBM is part of a group of computer companies, including Netscape, Oracle, Sun Microsystems and Apple — but excluding Microsoft — developing common standards for the new computer. the new computer.

# Arjo suffers worst time since flotation

By CLARE STEWART

A SHARP fall in the price of pulp, combined with a decline in demand, took their toll on first-half results at Arjo Wig-gins Appleton, the Anglo-French paper manufacturer. At the pre-tax levels profits fell from £135.3 million to £32.3 million in the six months to June 30.

After last month's profit warning by the company, the market was braced for the figures, but the results still came in just below some analysts' revised expectations.

In common with other paper producers. Arjo Wiggins has found itself squeezed by the impact of a sharp fall in pulp and paper prices and a worse then expected decline in demand.

Cob Stenham, chairman of Arjo, described the first half of 1996 and the second half of 1995 as "the worst period the group has experienced since its flotation".

In Europe margins in Arjo's carbonless and thermal papers were particularly squeezed by the difficult conditions, though improved demand for the high value products of the fine papers division helped its profits to recover. Turnover in Europe



Stenham: order books up

overall fell 9 per cent to £712.4 million, while operating profits dropped from a profit of £38.1 million last year to a loss of £6.2 million.

Results from its French businesses showed a drop in operating profits from £40.3 million to £3.2 million, while in the UK profits fell from £17.6 million to £8.1 million.

A £120 million restructuring programme is under way as Arjo Wiggins seeks to reduce fixed costs and streamline capacity. About 600 jobs will be affected by the changes, the benefits of which, says the company, will be seen in 1997.

In North America, in spite of weaker demand, the picture was brighter as 1995 price increases were maintained and profit margins improved as the cost of pulp fell. Operat-ing profits fell from E62.4 million to £39.9 million.

Profits were also down in Arjo's merchanting business as lower demand and falling prices are into operating profits, which dropped from £37.6 million to £18.7 million.

There are some signs of improvement in the market. Destocking appears, says Mr Stenham, to be over and the order books are stronger. But he added: "Economic growth prospects through the second half of the year remain unexciting, particularly in Europe.

Arjo is paying an un-changed dividend of 2.90p. Its sharës ended 5p lower at

Analysts have cut full-year year, in the wake of Arjo's profit warnings. UBS, the company's broker, is looking for profits of £130 million, having revised its original forecast of £160 milion pre-tax.

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James Frost blames price war by Esso for a 40 per cent first-half volume decline

# Frost feels price war heat

FROST. Britain's fourth-largest petrol station chain, yesterday said its decision not to join the petrol price war and s had led to a 40 per cent volume drop in the first half of the year (Fraser Nelson writes).

James Frost, chairman. blamed Esso's Price Watch scheme for its poor results, as he posted pre-tax profits of £3.8 million in the first half, compared with 5.6 million. Predicting a tough second half, he said only Esso could call a halt to the price war. but pen until the end of the year. With a six-month contribu-

tion from Burmah, the petrol wholesaler bought in July last year, turnover shot to £242 million (£143 million). Operating profit was 2.3 per cent of sales, against 4 per cent.

lion on restructuring costs, as it continues to shed the sites bought from Burmah. From 804 sites ourchased last year. fewer than 500 remain. The group aims to close a further

Earnings were down from 6p to 3.5p per share. A maintained interim dividend of 3.2p will be paid on

# Simon to cut debt

with sale By Fraser Nelson

mountain

SIMON ENGINEERING. the hydraulic platforms to process engineering group, has agreed to put its entire access provision business on the auction block in a bid to eliminate its spiralling debt.

The move comes after pressure from its bankers, which have watched Simon's borrowings grow from £75.1 million to £82.7 million over the first half of the year. After the sale, the group will be reduced

to half its current size. Simon's shares fell from 49p to an all-time low of 39p yesterday before settling at 412p. Analysts said this reflected the uncertainty about how much the disposals would fetch and how long it would take to find a buyer.

If the sale goes through, Simon will be left with its storage and process engineering divisions. While this will more than halve Simon's turnover, profits will be barely affected. In the six months to June 30, the access provision division generated 49 per cent of sales, but only 18 per cent of operating profit.

Maurice Dixson, chief executive, said the division's impact on pre-tax profits was smaller still. While trading at the operations was recoverable, debt had become too expensive and time-consuming". He said that the group would be looking at bolt-on acquisitions for the storage businesses, and added he was looking at four possible buys.

Its access provision division commands 15 per cent of a fragmented worldwide market. In the US, the business generated operating profit of £3.9 million, but heavy losses in the UK and elsewhere totalled £2.4 million.

Pre-tax profits were at £3.7 million (£2.4 million), on sales up from £147 million to £166 million. Gearing rose from 97 per cent to 104 per cent, as debt overtook equity once again. Simon gave warning that the second half would be little different, with profits at about last year's levels.

Earnings rose from 0.4p to 0.6p per share. Once again, there is no interim dividend.

# BUSINESS ROUNDUP

# **Cattles interim rises** on better earnings

CATTLES, the financial services group, reports an increase in half-time profits for the six months to June 30. Its pre-tax figure grew 17 per cent to £14.7 million, compared with £12.6 million a year ago. Within its consumer division Shopacheck million a year ago. Within its consumer division Shopacheck, one of Britain's largest weekly collected credit companies, increased its profit 14 per cent to £9.98 million. This excludes for the first time a contribution from Shopaplan, which made a stand-alone profit of £270,000, well-below last year's estimated £500,000. Cattles said it would put greater priority on retaining Shopaplan customers once it has been fully separated from Shopacheck. The customer base increased by

13,000 since the beginning of the year.

Cattles's earnings per share were 7.2p, up 16 per cent and on November 4 the company will pay a 2.8p interim, up from 2.45p. Peter Courtney, the chairman, said: "Progress continues in all sectors of the business and we look forward with confidence to another successful year." with confidence to another successful year."

# Friendly close on deals

FRIENDLY HOTELS revealed yesterday that it was close to a number of acquisitions after reporting a modest increase in half-year profits. Herry Edwards, chairman, said the company was near to signing several deals and would be using the £10 million near to signing several deals and would be using the £10 million invested in the company by Choice Hotels, the US company, to help expansion. The company also intends to develop a chain of leisure clubs. Profits for the six months to June 9 rose 3 per cent to El.2 million. Turnover increased 4 per cent to El8.4 million.

The interim dividend is maintained at 2.2p. payable on January 10. Shares closed 2.5p up at 177.5p.

# Sanwa files charge

SANWA BANK, a leading Japanese commercial bank, has filed a breach of trust charge against a former official who allegedly embezzled 550 million yen (about £2.5 million). The bank says the former manager of its Yukigaya branch in central Tokyo had run up debts totalling Y100 million in commodity futures and equities. The alleged deficiency was discovered by the bank on April 1 and reported to financial authorities on April 5. Starting in April, Sanwa strengthened its monitoring of large accounts and its internal auditing. The case is now under police investigation.

# **Ashanti refinances**

ASHANTI GOLDFIELDS has refinanced the former Cluff Resources operations in Zimbabwe, trimming interest charges by more than \$1 million a year. The saving has been achieved through a \$40 million loan with UBS and Dresdner Bank, enabling the refinancing of \$28 million of high-coupon debt. The deal has freed \$12 million to fund expansion of the Freda Rebecca mine near Harare. Ashanti has been integrating operations since acquiring Cluff Resources

# Psion extends range

PSION, the computer company, has unveiled two additions to its range of palmtop computers in an attempt to further boost market share. The Psion Series 3c, an updated version of the Series 3a, comes in two models, selling for £399.95 and £339.95. A new organiser, the Psion Siena, condenses the features of the Series 3a into a shirt pocket-sized format. There are two models, costing £229.95 and £169.95. Psion has about 33 per cent of the worldwide market in palmtops. Its closest rival is Hewlett Packard, with about 28 per cent.

# China must meet criteria

A WORLD Trade Organisation (WTO) without China is a global trade body with a missing limb, but the world's most populous nation still must meet basic criteria before gaining entry. Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, said in Peking yesterday. He cited trade transparency, market access, tariffs and legal structures as areas that needed further exploration. A WTO working group will meet this year in Geneva to try to negotiate a deal that would allow China's accession, but China

# Fitzwilton advances

FITZWILTON, the Irish holding company, lifted interim profits 13 per cent to IrES.1 million in the half year to June 30, helped by a jump in retail sales at its Wellworth subsidiary, one of Northern Ireland's largest chain stores. Earnings per share rose 16 per cent to Irl.37p and the company declared an increase of 5 per cent in the interim dividend to Irl.Ip, payable on January 31. Fitzwilton's 13 per cent stake in Waterford Wedgwood, the ceramic and crystal manufacturer, contribut-

# Vanguard R&D 'ahead'

VANGUARD MEDICA, the drugs development company, said yesterday that research and development on three of its drugs, including a migraine treatment known as VML 251, was ahead of schedule. The company, which was founded by six industry veterans, said that VML 251 will probably be the first of five new drugs to reach the market. Vanguard reported a pre-tax loss of £3.7 million in the half year to June 30, against a loss of £1.8 million previously. The deeper loss was expected. The shares closed at 495p, down 75 p.

# Wellington growth plan

WELLINGTON HOLDINGS, the industrial rubber manufacturer, is resuming its quest for acquisitions with cash reserves of £10 million to fund expansion. In the six months to June 30 pre-tax profits rose to £2.89 million (£2.32 million) on sales of £8.83 million (£7.97 million). An interim dividend of 2.7p (2.4p) will be paid on November 5. While revenue from France and Germany fell Wellington said many of the lost orders were won by its UK operations, as car manufacturers opened plants in the UK and the Irish Republic.

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# Fine showing by **Royal Doulton**

By Clare Stewart

SOARING sales of fine china in Japan and Australia helped Royal Doulton, which manufactures the Royal Albert and Minton brands, to lift its first half profits by 17 per cent to

Royal Doulton saw sales overall rise by 5.4 per cent to Ell4.1 million, while earnings rose 20.5 per cent to 5.3p per

Stuart Lyons, the chief exec-utive, said Australia and Japan showed the strongest performances. In Japan profits have risen to just over £500.000, compared with break-even last year.

In America, which accounts for just under a third of profits, further expansion is underway, said Mr Lvons. Nine more shops are to open before the year-end to make a total of 58. He said that sales in America have shown very good growth in the first half.

UK sales in the first half were also strong, with the key Christmas season to come. Retail sales were steady, with the division's performance helped by the trend away from price discounting and by increased

consumer spending.
In addition to sales through concessions and its own Lawleys stores, there was a good performance from the division supplying retailers, such as Marks & Spencer, and from its hotels and airlines business.

Investment in its Indonesian factory was just under £4.9 million in the first half, bringing the total cost to £9.2 million. Full production begins next March. Royal Doulton is increas-

ing its interim dividend 12.5 per cent to 2p. On the stock market its shares closed 10p

# **Profits warning** hits Leeds Group By Sarah Cunningham

SHARES of Leeds Group, the textiles manufacturer, fell 30 per cent yesterday after it gave warning that profits would be significantly lower than last year's £7.5 million.

Robert Wade, chairman, said that the increase in imports of cheaply-made cloth-



ing and the continuing depressed retail sectors in Germany and France had damaged the group's business. Despite the company's problems, it intended to main-tain the final dividend, which last year was 4.40 net.

In June, the company reported an interim pre-tax profit of £3.27 million, compared with £3.61 million a year earlier. Mr Wade said the Strines

subsidiary has "been at the eye of the storm". Business with UK customers was down 50 per cent in the past six months. The withdrawal of Liberty, for years Strines's largest customer, from its fabric converting business has been a particularly heavy blow, he said. He added that the outlook for this division".

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# Thistle Hotels boosts Brierley

BRIERLEY INVESTMENTS, the New Zealand holding company headed by Sir Ron Brierley, said yesterday that a strong rise in the market value of its 70 per cent owned Thistie Hotels. Britain's second largest hotel chain, was one of the key

reasons behind a sharp rise in the value of its assets in the year to June 1996. The group also confirmed that it intends to float about 20 per cent of its Thistle stake on the London stock market in October after the launch of a prospectus this month.

Paul Collins, chief executive, said: "Thistle Hotels' value has materially improved as a result of strong earnings

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY growth and rapidly improving asset

values within the UK hotel sector."

Brierley Investments increased its intrinsic value — the company's own assessment of its value — from NZ\$3.50 billion (£1.52 billion) to NZ\$4.19 billion for the year to June 1996, representing a value of NZ\$1.40 a share, up from NZ\$1.25. Net assets per share rose from NZ\$1.21 to NZ\$1.23.

Brierley's performance was also boosted by an increase in the market value of its 51 per cent stake in Sky City, a casino in Auckland, which now exceeds its book value by NZ\$230 milion.

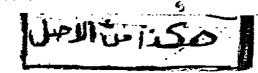
Total net profits fell 28.1 per cent to

NZ\$310.3 million, with dividends received from investments over the year down from NZ\$93 million to NZ\$36

Mr Collins said: "Some of the New Zealand businesses, including Air New Zealand, are presently experiencing rather more difficult trading times due to the slowdown in the local economy and the strong New Zealand dollar."

However, the present expectation is that earnings from operations will be satisfactory in the current year. He added: "The new financial year has started well with Thistle Hotels maintaining its strong growth in earnings."





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Contrasting Midsummer Night's Dreams in London: Ninagawa's superb vision at the Mermaid; Northern Broadsides at the Globe

# Yes, yes to the Noh view

and ferocity,

energy and

means that he or she does not have to be a cute. winged for with an ear for Mendelssohn. Fairies can be acrobats and trapeze artists, as they were in Peter Brook's revival of A Midsummer Night's Dream.

looking Japanese with flowers sprouting from their hair who dance across white dunes

covered with red poppies. Accompanied as they sometimes are by a Puck who double-somersaults through thin pillars of light down which sand pours, these

theatricality 9 androgynous beings do much to ensure that Yukio Ninagawa's Dream remains a visual joy. But his production at the Mermaid is far more than

that. The grudging English philistine who lurks in my head feared that a Japanese Dream without surtitles would be a long, worthy slog. But even if, like me, you understand little but the occasional "Tighteena" or "Bottoam", the evening is irresistible. I cannot recall a Dream that so splendidly combined energy and theatri-cality, ferocity and fun.

The programme informs us that the big pustular stones scattered around the bare set symbolise "a Buddhist view of the world". So they may. But what we want are fairies who astonish, lovers with verve and pep, mechanicals who genuinely amuse. Many productions achieve one or even two of these things. Ninagawa gives us all three — and to the accompaniment of music that sometimes sounds Japanese, sometimes as if Handel has been collaborating with Andrew Lloyd Webber.

As often nowadays, Oberon and Titania are performed by the same actors who play Theseus and Hippolyta. Un-like many English directors. though. Ninagawa does not use this doubling to suggest that the humans are solving their conflicts by dreaming that they are quarrelsome spirits. Tetsuro Sagawa's solid, bearded Theseus beams

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obody has ever seen a Shakespear-can fairy, which are transformed beyond recognition. It is not just that they wear small gardens on their heads. They come at each other like luxuriant titans.

There really is war in fairyland, as the text suggests. Sagawa growls, rages, cackles ight's Dream.

They can also be dreamy-oking Japanese with flowers

with glee at the idea of revenge. Shiraishi rasps, snarls and does not soften even when she falls for Bottom. Shaking, gurgling and

squealing, she fondles his ass's 6 Full of fun tail and grabs Daimon, whose loquacious weaver has seemed ready for anything, emerges from her bed looking

shattered. Thus Ninagawa's actors bring brashness and bite to often bland encounters.

Yet Oberon and Titania witness Shiraishi's wincing horror when she sees Bottom as he is - do not lack humour. Nor do lovers who, regardless of gender, flail, kick and square up to each other like all-in boxers. Nor do mechanicals who invade the Noh-like atmosphere on bikes with modern caps, gaudy pants and, in the case of Bottom, a steel barbecue on which he cooks fast food. The scene in which they cower from the transformed weaver comes a slow-motion ba of hilarious double-takes. And for once Pyramus and Thisbe does not disappoint.

That is largely because Bot-tom's doublet and hose and ever-changing wigs suggest that he cannot decide if he is Barrymore's Hamlet or Irving's Richard III. It is also because Thisbe becomes a dwarfish geisha, a naked Wall forlornly sheds loam, and Lion (or, here, Dragon) is played by a former Sumo wrestler called Ofuji. When this man-mountain removes his mask and reassures the ladies that he is Snug the joiner, he becomes twice, thrice as menacing. It is a wonderfully funny bit of business in a magnificently inventive production.

> BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



# It works like a dream without costumes, too

Barrie Rutter's splendid company. Northern Broadsides, returned on Monday from a successful tour of Brazil to give a single performance at the Bankside Globe — and when Rutter's Oberon walked on stage for the second half, in his black cuat pinned with coloured favours and a flowery hat topped with pheasant leathers, he was rewarded with cheers from groundlings and galleries alike. He smiled almost sheepishly, recognising that it was the entrance of the coat and hat that had earned

the applause. British Airways managed to lose the company's three cases

costumes somewhere between Rio and Heathrow, and the cast were obliged to perform in the clothes they arrived in. So Lysan-

der and Demet-rius looked more alike than and the comical tableaux and usual in T-shirts sporting the company's logo, a Yorkshire boar, and the mechanicals became fairies by changes of stance and motion alone.

The costumes arrived just in time for the ass's headdress, a sort of pixie hood with ears, to be fitted on to Peter Gunn's Bottom, where it made him look not so much like a vile thing - although fairy aes-thetics may be different from ours — as ridiculously self-satisfied in his ignorance. "Lead him to my bower," commands Ishia Bennison's Titania in her earthiest, hungriest tones, and Gunn is trolley, complaisant and com- but already an old friend.

has already proved itself an admirable arena for soliloquy. and Rutter's production suggests that it may also become a theatre unrivalled for rumbustious comedy. The rapport that springs up between the actors and audience is astonishing. It does not build up, it is there from the start, and the only theatrical equivalent is the very best of community pantomime. When Lysander thrusts Hermia away with a "Get you gone, you dwarf!", the audience utters a mock-disapproving "Ohh!", and it lets out a sigh of pleasure when John Gully's Demetrius, speaking

with great tenderness, tells of his recovered love for Helena. These respons-

es come served

with irony but there is nothing

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about the audi-

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> vocal inflection that director and cast create from this. The evening is larded with happy jokes: the lullabies, the mechanicals reluctant to break from a tight line, Bot-

tom overwhelming Duke Theseus with literary expertise. Helena and Hermia did not always have the measure of this well-known yet unfamiliar shape of theatre, but this is a technical matter that actors will learn. The gentleness entering into Rutter's voice when talking of the natural world suggests that even a whisper might carry to the upper gallery of this good-

This round O of a theatre JEREMY KINGSTON

# Give me a break. Mr Spielberg

Geoff Brown on a season that

unearths forgotten film scripts

n the beginning was the word, both in life and the movies. Many films get no further than the words. The script the writer slaved over lies beautifully typed but stays on the shelf. unproduced. As far as the public is concerned, the script never existed. Until now: for a new initiative by the British Film Institute, the Script Factory, is about to unfold, offering professional public readings of British film scripts awaiting the kiss of life. The Times is one of the sponsors.

Most readings will take place at London's October Gallery. Admission costs £10, rather more than a West End cinema ticket, though supper is thrown in. plus the chance to make a movie in your head.

Charlotte Macleod, the organiser, has arranged script ready to foist on a producer dining out. There is no shortage of material in Britain either; films that never get made far outnumber those that do.

Established writers fall by the wayside just as often as writers eager to make their mark: having a masterly script by Harold Pinter did nothing to help Joseph Losey to bring Proust to the screen. In the Script Factory season, Royal Court playwright Nick Grosso is offering his first cinema project.

Ruff Cuts. Allan Scott, Nicolas Roeg's collaborator, has gone into the file cabinet for The Practical Heart. And Christopher Hampton will be waiting to hear what Nostromo sounds like under its director-in-waiting, Hugh Hudson.

Conrad's novel Nostromo has been spectacularly unlucky in its journey to the screen. Losey, uncrowned king of the unmade film. tried to mount a version in the 1950s. Thirty years later, David Lean got going with a Hampton script, but delays and worries over Lean's health hastened the project's cancellation. After Lean died. Hampton reworked his script for Hudson; that script, too, is now stalled over funding.

As well as being fun for the public, the readings are aimed at film-makers, backsimilar events in New York, ers, agents — anyone who where every waiter has a could help the scripts to move off the page. In some cases success will come too late for the writer: David Mercer, who adapted Wyndham Lewis's black comedy The Snooty Baronet for Losey in 1968, died 16 years ago. We may not be able to get Richard Burton for the baronet but Richard Harris, another vintage casting suggestion, is still available. Any takers?

● The Script Factory opens on Sept 25 at the October Gallery, 24 Old Gloucester Street, London WC1 (0171-580 1052).





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teble Anietel Farm. This bold, physical theatre piece, a hit in 1993, is enhanced by Frank McConnell's muscular choreography and by a thumping soundtrack. Alan Lyddiard directs ten

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**VENERAL** 

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BBC PROMS 96: The conductor Valery Gergiev, in his Proms' debut, conducts the Rotterdem Philihar-monic Orchaestra in two concerts, today and tomorrow Excepts from Debussy's The Martyndom of Saint Sebastian, Pickofiev's Plano Concerto No 2 (solicit) Alexander Toradzel and No 2 (soldist Alexander Toradze) and Strownshy's The Fireburd are on the menu tonight (7.30pm) Tomorrow, at 8pm, Prokofley's conflict-ridden Soth Symphony is played alongside Edison Denisov's crichestration of The Nursery (Anna Netrebko, soprano) and Debussy's evocative La Mer Then, on Sunday evocative La Mer Then, on Sunday (7.30pm), David Athenon conducts the BBC National Orchestra of Wales in Capinoso espagnol — filmsly, Korsakov is enduring portrar of Span, Falla's ballet El amor brujo, Xavier Mortisalvatge's entertraining Five Negro Songs and Stravinsky's Petrushita, Albert Hell, Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212), Tonight-Sun, [5]

THE OEDIPUS PLAYS; Alan Howard in the title role of Oedipus the king and Codipus at Colorus. Peter Half directs a translation by Rayfill Bolt. National (Others), South Bank, SE1 (0171-926 2252) Presews begin tonight, 7pm. Opens Sept 17, 7pm. Then in rep.

WIGNORE HALL: Returns only for the opening concert of the 1996/97 scason The popular mazzo-soprano Anne softe ven Otter sings works by Affrén, Sibelas, Greg, Schubert and Strauss. Accompanied by Bengt Forsberg, piano Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141) Tomorrow, 7 30pm.

THE ASPERIN PAPERS: Michael Li THE ASPIERN PAPERS' Michael Redgrev's slightly old-tastwoned version of the Henry James tale With Harnah Gordon, Danics J. Traventi, Wyndhems, Charng Cross Road, WC2 (p171-369 1736) Mon-Fri, Spm, Sat, 8 15pm; mats Wed, 3pm, Sat 5pm.

U BY JEEVES. Delightful musical deation by Alan Aychbourn and Andrew Lloyd Webber, based on the Wodehouse hardes: first attempted 20 years ago, now entirely revised Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, W1 (0171-836 5122) Mon-Sat, 7 45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. 🖨

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(0171-494 5070), Mon-Fn. 6pm. Sat 8 15pm, mats Thurs, 3pm. Sel. 5pm FAUST Parts 1 and 2: Michael Bogdanov's mighty two-part production of Goethe's drama, with Michael Feast in the title role and Hugh Quarshie as

Mephistophales.
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sbury Avenue (0171-836 6279) MGM Baker Street (0171-935

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment mpiled by Gillian Maxey

ELSEWHERE ENTRINGHAM: Co-production with the National Theatre, where it transfers in October, of Ben Jonson's The Alchemiet. With Simon Callow. Josse Lawrence and Tim Pigoti-Smith. Bill Alexander sets his production in a supernitious, post-apocalyptic future. Repertory, Centenary Square (0):21-236 4455). Previous begin longiti, 7:30pm. Opens September 18, 7:30pm.

Also in Birmingham, Daniel Barenbolm and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra both make their Symphony Hall debuts with Verdi's overture. La Forza del Destino, Elgar's symphonic study, Falstall, and Tchalkovsky's Fitth Symphony Symphony Hall, Broad Street (0121-212 3333) Sunday, 8pm.

LEEDS: The Georgen director David Dosstwil's staging of The Crucible, whose King Lear played at this year's Edinburgh Festival.

Quarry, West Yorkshire Playhouse (013-244 2111) Previews begin tonight, 7 30pm. Opens Sept 11, 7 30pm. Then Mon-Set, 7 30pm. mats Wed, 2pm, Set, 3pm. Until October 5 Manufacture. NEWCASTLE: Northern Stage vividly brings to life George Orwell's (armyard

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□ MARTIN GUERRIE: The latest Boutpli/Schonberg musical brings banal lyncs to a confusingly told late. Prince Edward, Cld Compton SI, W1 (0171-447 5400]. Mon-Sal; 7 45pm: mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm.

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DREAM: Adman Noble's much-traveled
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CI PENTECOST: Stewart Parker's fine play, and also his last one of the best of the many written about modern Belfast. Lynne Parker directs Rough Magic's production from the Dubtin Feshival Dionigram Warehouse, Eartham Street. ☐ Seats at all prices

WC2 (0171-369 1732), Mon-Sat, Spm; mats Thurs and Sat, 4pm. TWO BOYS IN A BED ON A COLD WINTER'S NIGHT. James Edward Barker's Olt-Broadway play about the dynamics of the one-night stand: honest

Tony Randali are getting on a bit. Theatre Royel. Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8900). Mon-Fn, Sprr; Sat B 15pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. (g)

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THE PROMISE (15) A love story divided by the Berlin Wall Dullish, worthy drawns from Margareths von Trotta, with Coninna Harforuch and August Zimer Curzon Phoenix (0171-369 1721)

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# Sweet sounds, sorry circus

OPERA

The Magic Flute Queen Elizabeth Hall

n its long history as a theatrical mould-breaker, David Freeman's Opera Factory has often been as notable for musical values as for experiment (to be positive) or outrage (to be less so), and in the company's first, decidedly uncertain attempt at the Flute, the orchestra under Nicholas Kok steals much of the limelight.

They use Jonathan Dove's arrangement of the score for a band of 15, based on single strings. This is one composer's homage to another, devised in the context of deep knowledge and appreciation of Mozart's chamber and piano music. It is not just a reduction, it is a complete, highly educated act of rescoring, with the feeling of the clarinet quintet one minute, a piano concerto the next, entrancingly so in the Queen of Night's second aria. Occasionally Dove gives his own fantasy free rein: the muted trumpet chattering away when Monostatos is punished in the first-act finale is a little masterstroke of wit. In this context one wishes Kok could relax his tempos just a little. No one wants a solemn Flute, but a little more love to match Dove's would be nice.

On stage this is an aggressively "poor" Flute. There is a cast of ten, which entails much doubling of roles: Ladies and Spirits, of course, but Sarastro is also Speaker, Second Priest and Armed Man, and Monostatos has to sing every

Richard Chew as Papageno backed by (from left) Susannah Self, Rebecca de Pont Davies and Denise Mulholland jects traditional charac-

other tenor role except for Tamino. The whole company serves as chorus, but with only four male voices the inclusion of the Priests' O Isis und Osiris is perhaps over-quixotic.

Extensive doubling is no aid to clarity of narrative, despite a dangerously full version of Schikaneder's dialogue on Wednesday - the second act went on for ever. The blunt translation of the lyrics by Anne Ridler and Freeman is too mean with rhymes: much of the work's power should lie in those childlike couplets. Freeman's set is a circus

ring: much whooping, juggling and stilt-walking drowns the first subject of the overture (Mozart wouldn't have liked that). Sarastro is the ringmaster. But save for intermittent interventions by Sarastro's lions, the metaphor is not seen through consistent-

ly. There are some Masonic visual references, but the focus falters and the exotic imagery of the text is not matched on stage. Monostatos and Papageno as mirror images of each other is the one really good

Freeman on the whole re-

it does need a little more work terisation, which is his right, done on it.

It is also, by the Factory's own high standards, none too strongly cast. The young loelandic soprano Thora Einarsdöttir has a sweet voice: appreciation of musical phrase may come later, but she turns a mean cartwheel. Susannah Self, a vibrant performer, stands out among the Ladies-Spirits. The rest work very, very hard: if commitment were all, this would be a better show than it is.

RODNEY MILNES

BBC PROMS: The BBC Singers excel while Music Projects experiment at the Albert Hall

# Ancient and modern

NOT long ago, the BBC Singers were not the choir that would spring to mind for the performance of Renaissance polyphony. But now a number of their singers appear with leading early music ensembles, and as a result the overall sound is much cleaner and leaner. That is good for a programme of both early and contemporary works such as they presented at their first late-night Prom with recently appointed chief conductor Stephen Cleobury.

Victoria's Tenebrae Responsories were juxtaposed with two recent commissions - by Andrew Simpson and James MacMillan - and capped by Britten's Sacred and Profane. Indeed, Britten's title could have

served for the concert as a whole. Simpson's The Hallow Hills (1994) deals with aspects of the Arthurian legend, interweaving the text (by the composer) with the Lacrimosa from the Latin Requiem. The text mostly acts as a Greek chorus-like, doom-laden commentary but comes shricking to the fore as the realisation of Merlin's prophecy of Arthur's death is about to be fulfilled. This is a highly imaginative work which was given a totally assured performance.

MacMillan's Mairi (1995) was, like Simpson's piece, commissioned by the BBC Singers for their 70th anniversary season last year. It is even more demanding than the Simpson, being written for 16 solo voices, but just as compellingly direct. A setting of a Gaelic lament by Evan Maccoll, translated by the composer, it has an incantatory quality. Indeed, the vocal lines at times share the reiteration found in the polyphonic music of composers such as Ockeehem, with

the same ability to mesmerise the ear.

The Singers gave it their all. These two pieces naturally contrast ed strongly with the austerity of Victoria's Responsories, in which Cleobury and the Singers achieved an appropriate degree of intensity. But most interesting was how they compared with Britten's Sacred and Profane, written in the 1970s. In comparison with the MacMillan in particular, some of Britten's writing now seems a touch heavy-handed However, the more mercurial moments (as in I Mon Waxe Wod and Carol) came up as fresh as ever.

TESS KNIGHTON

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Spirits and the audience sim-

ply doesn't work. Papagena-

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have liked that). This is not a

disaster on the scale of the

Factory's Don Giovanni, but

enters smoking a cigarette

THE CLIMAX of Friday's late Prom was also the climax of a formidable series on which James Dillon has been working since 1982. A BBC commission receiving its world premiere, Oceanos is the final instalment of his multipart composition Nine Rivers. Earlier instalments have been for various forces. But Oceanos, as a

grand finale, brings everybody together (though some members of Music Projects/London were ranged round the auditorium), including electronics. The text, heroically declaimed in a variety of unintelligible languages by the vocal ensemble Polyphony, is more like a series of powerful oceanic currents. The music too sweeps on like some vast, unstoppable, natural force. One can admire the complexity of

the constituents — admirably held together by Richard Bernas - or simply submit to the outpouring of energy, maintained brilliantly over a 20-minute span. Either way, Oceanos is an exhilarating experience. Similarly disposing instrumentalists

round the hall, but in many ways a much more intimate experience, was Kurtág's Samuel Beckett: What is the Word?. This remarkable piece had its

origins in the struggle of the Hungarian actress. Ildiko Monyok, to regain her speech after a serious accident. The reciter here was Monyok herself. Her "therapy" was enacted syllable

by syllable, with Csaba Kiraly at a metallic-sounding piano offering vigorous cues. The other vocalists and instrumentalists were again admirably co-ordinated by Bernas.

Implausible as it may sound, one movement of Charles Ives's Set No 1 is in part a protest against noise pollution. Both that work and From the Steeples and the Mountains featured the exuberantly dissonant collage of chiming bells, college songs and even shuffling feet typical of Ives's music.

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PET SHOP BOYS

Bilingual (Parlophone 8 53/02) WITH the return to traditional rock n'roll values by the current wave of Britpop bands, the 1980s synth-pop duos who were supposed to usher in a brave new world of pop without guitars have become an endangered species.

However, Pet Shop Boys have risen to the challenge with an album of innovation and unusual charm. The most obvious change is a welcome shift away from the one-beatfits-all, paper-bag snare sound in favour of a variety of South American-style rhythms. On Discoteca and Single the massed percussion effects conjure the atmosphere of a Brazilian carnival, while on Electricity the Boys successfully locate a funk groove for the first time in a long career.

The melodies of Se A Vida É (That's The Way Life Is) and The Survivors have a genuine sparkle, and the words are written from a much more heartfelt perspective: "Come outside and feel the morning sun ... Life is much more simple when you're young." They have always been clever, but this has got soul too.

NENEH CHERRY

(Hut/Virgin 7243 8 41981) NENEH CHERRY'S last alburn. Homebrew, failed even to breach the Top 25, but the

dusion of last year's global hit single, 7 Seconds (with Youssou N'Dour), will be enough to ensure that Man enjoys considerably greater success, and thankfully it is a

much livelier collection. Cherry toughs her way through a variety of musical settings, convincingly enough for the most part. The rap elements that she deployed on her early hits have been ditched in favour of a more conventional singing style. She pastiches James Brown's ballad formula on Woman (a gritty riposte to Brown's classic It's A Man's Man's Man's World), and hollers through the trip-hop murk of Together Now, a collaboration with Tricky built on an amazingly

propulsive cross-rhythmic riff. The cod-flamenco guitar arrangement of Golden Ring strikes a more reflective tone, while a stripped-down, fractured-rhythm version of Mar-vin Gaye's Trouble Man provides the perfect vehicle for her 1990s homegirl attitude.

Quibbles would have to include a ponderous heavy rocker called Kootchi and the fact that the blindingly obvious descending sequence from 7 Seconds keeps popping up with disconcerting frequency.

**JAMIROQUAI** Travelling Without Moving (Sony S<sup>2</sup> 4839992) HAVING established themselves as the undisputed kings of the acid-jazz scene with their first two albums, termined attempt to broaden their appeal on Travelling Without Moving. The old fireworks are still in evidence on Use the Force, where horns, wah-wah guitar and a rippling barrage of Latin percussion chunder away behind Jay Kny's jazzy vocals. But more typical is the easy-going disco-funk of Alright, while Cosmic Girl owes more to the crossover pop of ELO or Level 42 than it does to the serious jazz-fusion influences of Stevie Wonder or Herbie Hancock.

Other efforts to extend their range, including a sprightly reggae tune (Drifting Along) and a couple of mature soul ballads (Everyday and Spend a Lifetime). are somewhat undermined by the aimless didgeridoo noodling which dominates Didjerama and the drifting instrumental Didjital Vibrations, numbers which suggest that Travelling With-out Moving is a title that could come back to haunt them.

New Adventures in Hi-Fi (Warner Bros. 9362-46320) ALTHOUGH not as prolific as their labelmates Prince and Neil Young, R.E.M. are pushing ahead at a surprising clip for a superstar band at their time of life -- with outstanding Written and recorded for the



Water boys: Pet Shop Boys and, er, pets get into the swim with an album of "innovation and unusual charm" plus some South American rhythms

most part during the hectic whirl of last year's ill-fated Monster tour, New Adven-tures in Hi-Fi is a long, rich and well-rounded collection that sounds anything but made-on-the-hoof. Never too obvious or too odd, it is an album which manages to invest all manner of arrange-ments with an unmistakable aura of magic, from the hefty

guitar riffing of Departure to

the cheesy, one-finger organ and piano lines of How The West Was Won And Where It Got Us.

As ever, Michael Stipe hints at vaguely profound thoughts. while taking care not to state his case too baldly. "This fame thing, I don't get it." he announces with a gloriously wistful flourish in E-Bow The Letter, after piling an avalanche of half-spoken lyrics on

to a melody as haunting as any in the group's songbook. Whether you take your cup of R.E.M. with straight acous-

tic guitar (as on New Test Leper), a twist of strange industrial noise (Undertow) or a full-bore dose of war-toms (The Wake-Up Bomb), the flavour at the core of this album is a constant delight. David Sinclair interviews R.E.M. in The Times next Friday.

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# Everything's changed — forever?

are childhood friends, dreaming of pop stardom. Martin has manic depressive tendencies, and wants fame to avenge his bullying school teachers. Sice is a cheery soul and wants to say Thank you very much New York, goodnight" while being rushed from the stage by his minders. They form a band called the Boo Radleys. Martin writes the songs. and Sice sings them. Their first album. Everything's Alright Forever, is a slice of skewed acid loveliness that gets largely dismissed.

Undeterred, they release the tirelessly inventive dub-pop-rock Giant Steps a year and a half later, which gradually grows on the press and public alike until it's voted Album of the Year by Select magazine, and sells enough for the band to buy smart new suits. A year and a half later, they release 1995's national anthem, Wake Up Boot and the album, Wake Up. which is full of melancholic pop and goes straight in at No I. Martin and Sice are suddenly famous. There are teenage girls, who scream on cue; there is champagne. which is drunk with much relish. Their

faces appear on Smash Hits stickers. "It was just as silly as you imagine it. if not sillier," Sice giggles. "Appearing on kids TV with huge dancing tomat-oes. Doing the Radio I Roadshow with Simon Mayo dressed in a foam rubber The Boo Radleys' new album marks a radical departure from the group's

previous output of mushy melancholia

sumo-wrestler's body." "Yeah, but that was the good stuff," Martin chips in. "We really liked that. It's the serious things that are a drag: I had a journalist from Belgium testing me on my genres this morning. He'd say 'Dub; now who is your favourite dub artist? Okay, yes, now, acid jazz; who is your favourite acid jazz artist? And European trance? And Bulgarian folk? It was

like doing some pop star exam -halfway through I started to feel really panicky that I hadn't revised."

You can see where the Belgian journalist's confusion arose, however, when you surrender your ears to the Boo Radleys' new album, C'mon Kids. The fevered eclecticism will shock those who only know the Boo Radleys for the Britpop/Motown of Wake Up Boo! With C'mon Kids, the Boo Radleys have returned to their roots: contrary sound alchemists at least four steps ahead of their peers. C'mon Kids veers from the Pinball Wizard pyro-



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technics of What's in the Box to the Simon and Garfunkel finger-picking of New Brighton Promenade, to the scuffed dub of Fortunate Sons and several songs that sound like nothing else on earth. "Well, I'm fed up of hear-

ing records where you can guess what the next chord's gonna be; guess what the middle-eight's gonna be." Martin explains. "Music should scare you. Chords should jump

out on you. The chorus should be a surprise." And he isn't afraid to go out as far as the Earth's atmosphere will let him. Take, for instance, the last two chapters of the album - Ride the Tiger and One Last Hurrah. It's been a long time since an album bowed out on such a boat-burning high: Ride the Tiger is Martin's apology to his ex-girlfriend for his sybaritic lifestyle, and inability to quit the bright lights of London to live in Preston with her.

"I could get by on being alive but having no life", Martin explains, "But I

don't want to miss a trick/Don't want to regret anything/I want to stand next to the fire/Take it higher/Ride the tiger." Your spine will curl up like a re-tractable tape-measure when you hear it: wildly distorting guitars are layered upon vocal harmonies and edge-ofsound samples until the whole thing goes white-out.

As the last notes fade, One Last Hurray steamrollers up to full volume a thudding, groaning sound, like a pressing plant, with Sice riffing away like a Hindu priest singing devotionals. A wrenching, sickening chord-change takes the song into a narcotic dream-world, hazy and sweet, with Sice murmuring "One last hurrah" - at which point Martin starts on a 4am guitar solo: a red-eyed, full-ashtray burst of frazzled, keening

inspiration. "I'll be surprised if all the fans of Wake Up Boo! like the album," Martin says, with a wry smile. "We get a different set of fans for each album anyway, but if we can just bring a couple of Wake Up fans over and convert them to the strong stuff. I'll be pleased. This is the kind of thing people should be listening to. Mind you, I would say that, wouldn't I?"

● The album, C'mon Kids, is released by Creation Records on Monday. The Boo Radleys host a "happening" at the Kilburn National in London next Thursday.

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AS the admirably detailed liner notes to this lovingly packaged four-CD set remind us, the celebrated West Coast pianoless quartet led by the young Gerry Mulligan from 1952 onwards "merely whispered where other bands bellowed". Such restraint is frequently seen as the hallmark of the jazz played in the area at the time; certainly words such as "deft", "exqui-site", "light" and "sweet" abound in most descriptions of the work of one of the most enduringly popular front-line

pairings in the music. Prolonged exposure to this comprehensive set, though --it comprises not only the initial informal 1952 sessions and the subsequent live material from LA's the Haig, but also the 1957 New York "reunion" recordings, plus collaborations with alto player Lee Konitz and singer Annie Ross - reveals both the tasteful muscularity of Mulligan's baritone playing and the subtly fiery flair of Baker's trumpet, each the more effective for being so tastefully concealed. The neat precision of their solo lines, rising naturally from Mulligan's airy, deceptively simple-sounding arrangements, still renders their group sound one of the most distinctive - and unequivocally enjoyable — in jazz.

TOM BROWNE

Another Shade of Browne (Hip Bop Essence HIBD 8011) KNOWN as "Mr Jamaica Funk" for his 1980s dancefloor-friendly trumpet style, Tom Browne re-emerged a couple of years ago with Mo. Jamaica Funk. This album. though, emphasises his indebredness to the more straightahead jazz recorded for the Blue Note label by such trumpet giants as Freddie Hubbard and Lee Morgan in the 1950s and 1960s.

While not the most fluent of soloists - he specialises in judiciously placed squirts and trills rather than in long-lined improvisations - Browne has nevertheless produced an infectiously peppy album thanks to the sterling rhythm-section work of relative veterans, bassist Ron Carter and drummer Idris Muhanımad.

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# **EDUCATION**

John O'Leary reports on the problems facing staff, and two men who gave up teaching describe the pressures

# Why are our teachers leaving?

have been trying to come to terms with life outside the classroom as their former colleagues returned to school this week. Many had reached retirement age, but three quarters have put a premature end to a career they saw as a lifelong vocation.

The image of teaching as a secure, even sedate, occupa-tion with short working hours and long holidays is receding fast. The squeeze on state school budgets has accelerated the pace of early retirements. but the most striking change has been the rise in stress-related illness.

The condition makes inroads into every profession. but the figures for teaching and for head teachers in particular — are extraordinary. More staff left the profession because of infirmity than reached the age of retirement last year.

In 1979 fewer than 1.400 teachers retired early through ill-health. By 1995, the figure had reached almost 6,000, a quarter of all those leaving the profession, and would have been higher if the Teachers Pension Agency had not tightened up the interpretation of its rules. The agency rejected 10 per cent of applications, compared with the normal 3 per cent. The attrition rate is such that some private insurers are reluctant to accept teachers for "living cover" policies. The Teachers Superannuation Fund, already more than £1.5 billion in debt, is in more trouble year by year.

Most of those joining the stampede from the classroom cite stress as the underlying reason. Medical certificates may list more conventional illnesses, but the extra demands on today's teachers produce pressures that many cannot withstand. Stress may be a

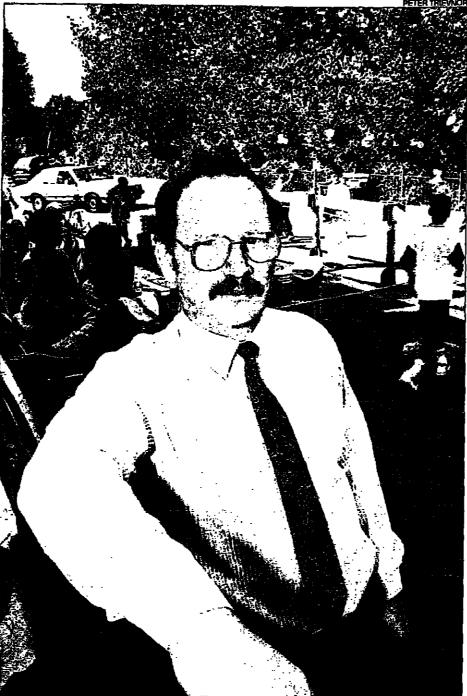
accepted as a career-threat-ening condition. But it is equally certain that teaching is not what it was when many of the victims joined the profession. Extra workload, worsening discipline problems, tension generated by inspections and heightened expectations by parents and senior staff are all raising the classroom temperature.

In a report on the subject. academies at Oxford Brookes University said that the strains of the job were causing heart attacks and strokes. Panic attacks, sleeplessness. broken relationships, excessive drinking and smoking, loss of confidence and breakdown are not reportable industrial illnesses," the survey said. "But they are as devastating to the teacher as broken arms, amputations and poisoning are to other workers."

Head teachers, weighed down by extra responsibilities since taking control of school budgets, prone to conflict with parents and governors, wor-ried about league tables and inspection reports, are under even more pressure. Their deputies are becoming increasingly reluctant to apply for the top jobs.

In the teaching profession as whole, more than 150,000 people have left prematurely in the past ten years, three times the number reaching retirement age. Applications for ill-health retirement have risen by almost a quarter in two years.

What is worse, the message seems to be affecting the people who should form the next generation of teachers. Though the starting salary is relatively attractive, appli-cations for training are falling as the graduate employment market begins to recover. Young people are asking themselves whether it is worth bers are deciding that it is not.



Graham Went, Headmaster, Edinburgh Primary School, Walthamstow: someone had to go

# Too much work, too little praise — I've had enough



the school was seeking redundancies to cope with a budget cut triggered

Teaching is simply not the same job I came into 13 years ago. The pressure has increased enormously and there is no time to develop a relationship with the children or to bring a bit of individuality to the subject.

taught French and German at Moorside High School, a large comprehensive in Stoke-on-Trent, where I have spent the past nine years. At 41, 1 had reached the top of the classroom teachers' pay scale and, as a single man. I have no complaints about the money - £21.000 a year. But I have

I HAD been thinking of giving up teaching for two or three years when my parents' illnesses and the fact that that the past few years as there has been more emphasis on meeting targets and the staffroom. Now most teachers do not go to the staffroom; they are too running the school as a business The atmosphere has changed. There

never seems to be any praise; and there were always extra things that I should have been doing. In my own subject, for example, teaching methods are more and more laid down in a politically correct way. There is no fun. essons must be conducted in the language being taught and it is frowned upon if you lapse back into English to make sure that the children

understand what you are saying.

The workload has certainly increased. When I first came into teaching, you would get 40 minutes or an hour's break at lunchtime when

busy preparing afternoon lessons or dealing with pupils. On top of that, I was probably doing

a weekly average of between ten and 12 hours' work at home. I keep one night a week free for the choir and operatic society to which I belong, but work was occupying more and more of my time. Colleagues were very supportive because they know the pressures of the

job. I do not know what the future will hold — I would like to use my languages in an office setting, but I will clean toilets if necessary. I don't expect to go back to teaching.

JOHN MILLER

# that led the head to quit

UNTIL Ofsted's inspectors arrived at my school, I had never considered giving up my headship. It was hard work and long hours, certainly challenging, but it was a job

that I enjoyed.

Everything changed when the school was found to require "special measures" (Olsted jargon for failure). The pressure, the workload and the staff demoralisation that ensued were amazing. I gave it a few months to see how parents and governors would react, and they were extremely supportive, but by the turn of the year I came to the conclusion that the school needed someone who didn't carry the baggage of the past.

People have said it was a courageous decision, but it merely seemed sensible if the school was to get out of special measures. The parents were confused because the report didn't match their experience of the school. But whatever I might think of the inspection system, the school has to go forward.

I was not criticised personally, but it is implicit when a school is put under special measures that the responsibility lies with the head teacher. It seems part of the hidden agenda that someone

has to go.
I had intended to leave at Easter, but I agreed to stay on for another term so a permanent successor could be ap-pointed. It meant 65-hour weeks with weekend working. Without the support of my wife and six children, it would have been difficult indeed. As it was, I didn't crack up, but that is not to say I could go on indefinitely without its having a damaging effect on my health. Now I want a break: I need time to consider what I want to do. It would be nice to have a job that you don't bring home, but I haven't ruled out a return to teaching or even headship at some time in the future.

In the short term, supply teaching might be good for me. After 20 years in the same school, as deputy and then head, there is a danger of tunnel vision. Another sug-gestion has been to train as an Ofsted inspector. But would it feel as though I was joining

GRAHAM WENT

# A nation forgetting how to walk

Susan Elkin on the dangers of raising a sedentary generation

by without the publication of another report telling us what we know - that schoolchildren are unhealthy and becoming more so all the time. For reasons that are many and various, they now eat so much 'junk', it seems, that many of them are reaching the paradoxical position of being both malnourished and overweight.

Combine that with the fact

that few children are encouraged — or even allowed — to walk or cycle anywhere and you have an ill-health time-bomb ticking away. By the time today's schoolchildren are in their forties, we shall be a very sickly nation unless we can stop the rot.

Schools could do a lot more to promote sensible exercise. And I don't mean the flamboyant and noisy razzmatazz of aerobic exercise to thumping pop music in expensive gymnasiums, ei-

ther. No. I have something much simpler in mind. Why aren't schools simply "selling" walk-ing? Doctors say that it is the best possible exercise.

Walking is steady and continuous, it helps with weight control, it is companionable and it costs nothing. In fact, it saves money and resources; the walker saves transport expenditure and is also, in a wider context, environmentally responsible, because everyone who walks, as opposed to getting into a powered vehicle, is helping to reduce fuel consumption.

School

Children used to walk almost everywhere. Now, fewer than 10 per cent arrive at school as unaccompanied pedestrians. And it isn'i many more who go to school on foot even in the company of an adult. Witness the dangerous congestion caused by cars near school gates. Yet most British children live less than a mile from their

schools. The secondary school I attended was about half a mile up a steep hill. Some buses stopped at the bottom and it was tempting to hop on a second bus for the last lap. Woe betide us if our

healthy young girls, we had, she told us sternly, to walk, freeing the buses for older people going further.

Many teachers' homes are

still quite near their schools. They could set an example. and encourage parents to do the same. But, mostly, they don't. When I taught in a school about 20 minutes' walk across the town. I always walked - to the incredulous amusement of the pupils as they sailed past in their parents' cars. No wonder we are breeding an ap-

parently legless generation. Britain is riddled with ancient rights of way, even in towns. Considering how densely populated these isles short distance from home or school most of us have to go to get onto a path. Why aren't schools using some of their PE or extracurricular time to take children out

onto those paths? Children would learn so much ural environ-

When I took a party of 25 urban schoolgirls on a five-mile foorpath walk, start-ing and finishing at school, every one of them was

on terra incognita for much of the time. Yet at no point were we more than a mile or two from most of their homes. We named trees, spotted wildflowers, learnt a bit about map-reading and got a good afternoon's healthy exercise.

The other day, I met an Oxford Classics graduate who told me, shamefacedly. that having always lived in cities she cannot identify a primrose. At the other end of the scale, I recently asked a low-ability class to draw some daffodils to illustrate Wordsworth's poem. They couldn't. They hadn't a clue what a daffodil was.

While we condone the fashionable idea that exercise has to be wildly exciting. more and more of our children will continue to opt out. Munching their crisps and slurping sugary drinks as they slump before the television set, they are getting fatter in body but narrower in outlook by the minute.

# Secrets of a comprehensive success

isplayed proudly on the wall of the headmaster's study is the school motio, with all its echoes of Margaret Thatcher's triumphant urgings during the Falk-lands crisis: "Gaudeamus" (Let us rejoice!) The head, Allan Kettleday, has much cause for rejoicing as he shows visitors a recent award from Oxford University which will be given annually to a sixth-former in recognition of the school's "out-standing record" in providing the

university with first-class students. He is also pleased with his achievement of raising the number of pupils from 850 to 1,216, an increase of nearly 50 per cent during his five years there. This startling proof of the school's popularity is illustrated by parents' putting their children's names down for entry at !!

when they are only two. Yet this is not an an-Had the cient public school, or even a grammar school. council but a state comprehensive where 7 per cent of children qualify for free school meals. It is Malbank School in Nantwich. Cheshire, which was the waited, the school leading comprehensive in would be The Times A-level rankings. Its high pos-ition astonished John a grammar Rae, the veteran public

school head, who asked on this page: How does a comprehensive such as Malbank School in Cheshire, for example, so easily beat Haileybury and Stowe?" Nearly three quarters of Malbank's 149 candidates gained four passes and 12

won five or six A grades. Mr Kettleday, 45, says: The number of youngsters getting five grade As has increased marginally and the average points score has increased significantly. But at the lower end, without any change in admissions policy and still entering every student for the examinations, we are now down to only one candidate who didn't get any A levels at all." He is particularly delighted that in the lower-ability range, pupils

do not drop out.

Malbank beat Haileybury and Stowe in A-level rankings even though it raised its pupil numbers. Bruce Kemble explains how

with huge social problems." But, he points out, four out of ten of his children come from nearby Crewe, which has had a difficult time economically".

And he knows what being in a "rough" area means, having spent almost all his teaching career before coming to Malbank in the toughest parts of Liverpool and Walsall. He was head of religious education in a school that was "quite badly affected" by the Toxteth riots.

He is aware of the difficulties pupils face in schools and homes in

Crewe as they struggle to do their GCSEs. He says: "It's a different world. There, school windows are kicked out nearly every night, the schools are set on fire, there are assaults. Yet these young-sters come with good GCSEs, and then get

three or four good A Mr Kenleday argues that the school deserves some of the credit. "I get a bit miffed at the idea that they're elever kids who'd have done well anywhere," he says. "All the

evidence shows that that is simply

not the case." Barbara Shaw, 46, whose sons Andrew and Alexander go there, agrees with him and recalls the days when Malbank's rivalry with nearby Brine Lees school, an II-16 comprehensive school, was serious. "Seven years ago, people used to say. 'Does my child go to Brine Lees or Malbank?' Now there's no question. Malbank is a very happy school. The children are very disciplined, the teachers have expectations."

Lucy O'Grady, 18, is the daughter of a tax inspector and lives in Crewe. She got four A-level passes and is now off to read psychology at

Mr Kettleday admits: "It would be ridiculous to pretend we are a school bered the time when she "worked off her knees" in her bedroom and says: "I knew I could do my GCSEs and I didn't want to end up in a checkout

in Woolies." Mrs Shaw's description of the school as "disciplined" is echoed by Mr Kettleday's pride in the pupils'

a minute's silence, confounding those critics who say it is expecting too much of the modern child and that "20 seconds is all that can be

He says: "We sing Abide with Me. We lower the flag. We lay the wreath. We do it with absolute confidence that it will be all right. It's the vicar who gets frightened and says you can't have a minute's silence with It is the result of the absorption of

the traditional values of the grammar school it used to be. The school went comprehensive in 1977, but if the Conservative council had waited a little over a year, Malbank would still be a grammar school. As Ernest Lighton, a 65-year-old governor and former schoolmaster, says: "Even though it's Malbank Comprehensive, for many it's still the grammar school it was."



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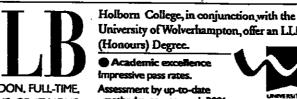
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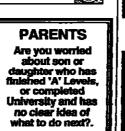
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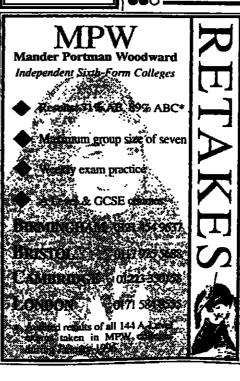


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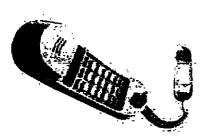
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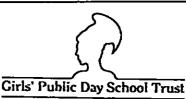
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# Travel-weary **Davies comes** up smiling

LAURA DAVIES produced yet another sub-par round as she continued her season of plenty in the first round of the European Open at Hanbury Manor yesterday, and if she did not do it after a totally sleepless night, it was so close as not to matter. Davies, who finished the day

four shots behind Corinne Dibnah, of Australia, leader by one from Stephanie Dallongeville and by two from Kristel Mourgue d'Algue, is one of the wonders of modern sport. She jets all over the world. stopping off only to play in golf tournaments, many of which she wins, then hops on the next aeroplane for the next destination, which might mean flying from the United States to England, or England to Japan, or Japan to the United States, and here we go

At 32, she is well into her second million in tournament earnings, and has better than a punter's chance of winning the order of merit this year on both sides of the Atlantic to follow Annika Sorenstam and become the second European to perform the feat in as many years. It might mean leaping on planes and shuttling from one side of the ocean to the other with as little thought as some people give to commuting from Surbiton to Waterloo. "So what?" she said. "You only live once."

She is in the middle of a 14-week unbroken spell which includes appearances in the United States, Europe, Japan and Korea, and, in two weeks' time, she will be the Europe team's linchpin as they try to wrest the Solheim Cup back

from the old enemy.

By that time she will have played for nine consecutive weeks; Mickey Walker, the Solheim Cup captain, says she knows nobody else who could commit herself to such a

punishing schedule and come up smiling. Davies regularly performs feats that would be regarded as near-miraculous in others; to her. they form just another day in the office. Example: she birdied six of the last seven holes to get into a play-off in the State Farm Rail Classic in Springfield, Illinois, on Monday, and was eventually beaten on the third extra hole by Michelle McGann.

She suffered a sleepless flight, arrived in leafy Hertfordshire on Wednesday evening, and got her first sight of the immaculate acres of Hanbury Manor when she peered, after 21/2 hours' sleep, out of her bedroom window yesterday morning. "I was watching Andre Agassi in the US Open tennis at about half past three this morning," she said. "I just couldn't sleep." It would have left just about anybody else wild-eyed and wrecked. Davies just went out and

She needs at least second place in this £100,000 tournament to overtake the absent Helen Alfredsson in the European money-list, and leads Karrie Webb, of Australia, by \$110,000 (about £72,000) in the United States order of merit. She has won four times in the United States this year and once each in Japan and Europe; she has banked £800,000 already and is on track to become the first woman to win more than £1 million in a season.

She says she would love to top both orders of merit and would take the US if she could win only one. "I realise I might win both, or one, or end up with nothing at all." she said. "Either way it's been a hell of a crack." All those miles, all those flights, and it's all been a bit of a giggle. Mickey Walker is right - Laura Davies is unique, and not only because of the way she hits a



Davies splashes out of a bunker as she strides towards another splendid round yesterday

# Mystic Michael picks Broadhurst's number

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES

PAUL BROADHURST found it slightly alarming when Michael Campbell greeted him yesterday morning with the words, 'I had a dream about you last night" - and was quick to elaborate. "I dreamt that you shot 64 or 65 today," the New Zealand Maori, with no known history as a soothsayer, explained.

That's all right, then," Broadhurst, a man with a reputation for low scoring, said, and off he went to return a first round of 64. seven under par, to lead the Canon European Masters by one stroke from the quintet of Colin

Malcolm Mackenzie, Sam Torrance and Lee Westwood.

Broadhurst, a Ryder Cup player at Kiawah in 1991 and keen to make the team again, intended seeking out Campbell for his second-round prediction but warned, "If he says I'll have 74, I'm not going out."

The midlander has been working with Bill Ferguson, coach to Ian Woosnam and Montgomerie, first and second on the European money-list, on achieving a squarer position at impact, and the changes still feel awkward.

"I hit one or two strange shots," Broadhurst, who had previous rounds of 62, 64 and 65 to his credit this season, confessed.

the trees off the 10th tee but chipped in for a birdie three and birdied the next two holes and the long 15th as

well. At the 16th, newly reduced from a driveable par four to a fiendish 235-yard par three by the course designer — one Severiano Ballesteros — Broadhurst missed the green with a three-iron but saved his par. Ballesteros, who had a 71, dropped a shot there and would have received little

sympathy. Out in 31, four under par, Broadhurst came home in 33, with birdies at three of his last four holes, including the 618-yard 9th, where his three-wood second shot ended up on the 10th fairway. A sand-wedge over the trees and a treacherous downhill putt of 12 feet saw the Campbell dream become a

Last week, Broadhurst was one of those taken to task for remarks about the greens at Collingtree, but all criticisms were entirely justified, as the following letter from Ken PGA European Tour, confirms. It was dated September 2 and will go to every player who competed in the One 2 One British Masters.

"Please receive my personal unreserved apology for the unacceptable presentation of the Collingtree ETC [European Tour Course] greens last week. On behalf of all staff involved, we share your

sheer embarrassment at a situation which saw us reach the lowest ebb in my experience.

"May I assure you a detailed investigation is under way in an endeavour to find out what caused the dramatic disintegration of the greens in the past three weeks. I Schofield, executive director of the intend to have a copy of the investigation forwarded to you as soon as practicable.

"In the meantime, in a sad reflection of this unfortunate experience. I have instructed the accounts department to credit your Masters entry fee against a future

tournament of your choice." Perhaps the spectators should be

# Rugby should beware revolt by supporters

Gerald Davies is happy to eavesdrop on

some reminiscences on the good old days

These are early days, but the signs are solemnly portentous. While the interrrecine warmongering continues unabated in out-of-town hotels, who, amid these selfinterested parties in rugby's upper echelons, spares a thought for those who follow their sport? Their loyalty is severely under strain.

Returning from Sunbury to Waterloo last Saturday after London Irish's first match of the season, against Bristol, two Irishmen who were unacquainted with each other until that moment, broke into conversation. The one sported the unmistakable green jersey of the exiles. the other the weekend garb of the senior City gent, grey flannels and sports jacket.

Eavesdropping is not a polite habit. But once the first siren words insinuate themselves deliciously on the ear, this ungentlemanly activity does become

Regret was the mutual note they struck. Not anger or discontent, but rather of dreams blighted, of having somehow been let down. That it was inevitable for rugby union to become a professional game and players be paid were things that they both seemed to accept. But this was not the point

Rather, it was the effect this was going to have on them and their pockets. The ticket, for which they had paid £7 last season, was now £10, an increase they had hoped would have been achieved gradually and not in one leap. And the match programme was a pound more than last year. The fare is dearer elsewhere, with no commensurate improvement in facilities.

"Rugby was such a social game," said one. And they reminisced about Richmond, London Welsh and the rest, and all the good times they had had.

"To be sure, the Welsh gave a great night, the best, if they won. But no choirs sang until late if they lost For us, it did not matter so much if we won or lost. It was a grand time we Irish were after, at their place or

"I fear," replied the other, "it is not going to be like that for much longer.

They were going home early. not so much because their team had lost, but rather because they felt they had paid enough for their Saturday's rugby.

Another example. My pal,

whose knowledge of rugby runs deep and his devotion to Cardiff deeper still, is for once in a long life of fealty to the game and the club, questioning the continua-tion of his good faith.

Admittedly, he mourned the passing of the old amateur ways. cherishing, as he had always done, rugby's capacity within Wales to represent and to compose a community, a fellowship of diverse interest. But if professionalism was to come, then he would embrace it, the love of the game rising above any social or cultural theory.

It is the other aspects that are questioning his loyalty. Doubt. once out of the question, is creeping in insidiously. His club membership fee includes only the Welsh League matches. He will have to pay extra for each of the Anglo-Welsh fixtures and the European matches to follow. But he understands that, since there is uncertainty over these fixtures, the club might not have wished to commit its members to something they might not have been able to deliver. At any rate, to watch a game every Saturday may get to be an expensive pastime. His habit may change.

ut, like the Irishmen, he is exasperated with the shenanigans of those who administer rugby and he fulminates despairingly: "What are they doing to my game?"

This is where rugby's dilemma now lies. The present dispute, wherever the fault lies, is disinheriting the faithful. Disillusioned by warring factions. the constant bickering fuelling headlines of disarray, provokes the spectator to believe that he no longer wishes to follow a game made to look increasingly silly. Rugby is tarnished. The feel-good" factor is fast fading.

The enterprise is sick. Enticed by bagfuls of spondulicks, hark what discord has followed. The rugby unions might care to look overseas for a lesson other sports have learnt to their cost. A couple of years ago, baseball players in the United States went on strike over wages. Their followers went elsewhere to seek their sporting fix. Baseball is still suffering.

In Australia, the still unresolved dispute between the Super League and the Australian Rugby League has forced the game's followers to break ranks. This schism has been to the benefit of Australian Rules and, to a lesser extent, rugby

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union. So a ramble to the hills or an acquaintance with the mysteries of the do-it-yourself superstore suddenly appear a preferable alternative to the cat-and-dog life of rugby union.

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FOOTBALL

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ULSTER CUP: Semi-final: Cittorwille 0
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ONE-DAY MATCH: Scarborough: York-**FOOTBALL** Nationwide League First division Wolverhampton v Charlton (7.45)

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**RUGBY UNION** 

TENNIS US Open Championships

Wednesday
MEN'S SINGLES: Querier-finels; M Chang
(US) bt J Sánchez (Sp) 7-5, 6-3, 6-7, 6-3; A
Agassá (US) bt T Muster (Austria) 6-2, 7-5,
4-6, 6-2

4-6, 6-2
MEN'S DOUBLES: Quarter-finat M
Philopoussis and P Ratter (Aus) bt H J
Davids and S Schalben (Hotil) 6-3, 6-4
WOMEN'S SINGLES: Quarter-finats; S
Gral (Ger) bt J Wisserser (Austral) 7-5, 6-3; M
Hings (Switz) bt J Novotna (Cz) 7-5, 6-4
WOMEN'S DOUBLES: Quarter-finat: G
Fernandez (US) and N Zverser (Belo) bt S
Leyaszeelan and R Simpson (Carr) 6-3, 6-5,
6-2 6-2
MDGED DOUBLES: Semi-Anals. 1. Raymond and P Galbrash (US) bt R McQuittan and D Macpherson (Auc) 6-3, 3-6, 6-4; M Bollegrad (Hoff) and R Leach (US) bt M Hings (Switz) and C van Rensburg (SA) 5-7, 6-4, 7-5
BOYS' SNIGLES: Second round: S Grospean (Fr) bt A Parmar (GB) 6-2, 6-2; J Oricipen (Swell bit M Lee (GB) 7-6, 6-2
BOYS' DOUBLES: Second round: G Abrams and N Crowell (US) bt M Lee and A Parmar (GB) 6-3, 6-4

Abrams and N Crowell (US) bt M Lee and A Pamar (GB) 6-3, 6-4 GIRLS' SNGLES: Second round. M Weingartner (Ger) bt A Tordoft (GB) 7-5, 6-1 GIRLS' DOUBLES: Second round: A Jansen (Ass) and K Roubenova (GB) bt B Belik and K Sell (US) 7-6, 7-5

made a similar offer. SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

As you may know, a 3-3 break is only about 36 per cent, so if you

have a choice between playing for that or a finesse, the finesse is a better chance. But frequently, if you arrange the play in the right sequence, you may be able to combine the chances. This refresher is an example. East-West vulnerable

Dealer South

**+A643** ¥J3 +AQ63 **+**K43 **+1097** ♥K 10854 **¥9762** W +9B54 . S **\$108752** +KQJ52 YAQ

+AQS Contract: Six Spades by South. Lead: ten of spades

Six Spades by South is an excellent contract, and one that would make easily on a red-suit lead. However, on a spade lead it is problematical. Say you draw trumps in three rounds. Now what? If you play a diamond to the queen, what do you do if East wins and returns a heart?

It is right to rise with the ace, because that succeeds not only with a 3-3 diamond split, but when the same hand holds the king of hearts and diamond length, a much better than 50 per cent chance. Here it fails, but you have misplayed the hand earlier. The correct line is to draw trumps,

eliminate the clubs, lead diamond to the ace and a second diamond to the jack.

If that holds, you follow with a third round of diamonds. This line makes the contract whenever the king of diamonds is doubleton, (if West has the doubleton king he will have to lead into your heart tenace or give a ruff-anddiscard). And, most important, you find out whether diamonds are splitting before deciding on the heart finesse.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

#### Alam Baratan. WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

TAPPIT a. Drunk b. Underside of a stair c. A topknot

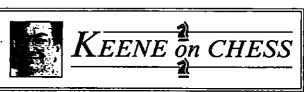
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b. Rook pie c. Worn out, effete UMBRATIC a. Secluded b. Irascible c. Without arms

**TAWPIE** 

a. A foolish girl

Answers on page 42



By Raymond Keene CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Foxtrot international During the latter part of August. chess enthusiasts in London were treated to the possibility of seeing some of the former greats of chess, including the former world cham-pions. Vassily Smyslov and Boris Spassky, in action against a team of the world's elite female players. The women's side included the former women's world champion.

Two of the most successful

players were Lajos Portisch, for the men's side, and Ketevan Arakhamia for the women's. In the following clash between the two, Portisch engineered a powerful central breakthrough, which led to a conflagration spreading towards the precincts of the black king. White: Lajos Portisch

Black: Ketevan Arakhamia Foxtrot International, London. August 1996

King's Indian Defence 3 Nc3 4 e4 5 f3 6 Bg5 7 Be3 B d5 h5 Nbd7 Ne5 10 cxd5 11 Nge3 12 N/4 13 Be2 16 Kh1 17 Rab1 18 Nh3

Qd1 axb5 axb5 Nxb5 Baö Qb8 Re1 Bc2 Rub2 e5 15 Babi 31 hg6 32 d6 Bc4 Oxh5 R16 Ba6 Act No5

Black resigns Diagram of final position

Diagram of final position

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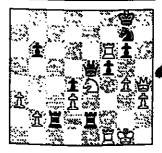
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Chess is booming on the Internet, and it is now possible to arrange a game around the world at more or less any time of the day or night. Irish international Tim Harding is producing a magazine. Chess Mail. which gives detailed information about such possibilities. A free copy can be obtained from Chess Mail Ltd, 26 Coolamber Park, Dublin Io, Ireland or e-mail: tharding@homenet.ie)

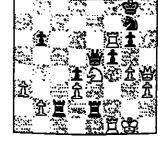
## WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is a variation from the game Popa — Herland, Bucharest 1937. White appears to have terrible problems as the black rooks have invaded his position. How did he turn the tables and force a quick win?



Solution on page 42



**KEMPTON PARK** 

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**GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD** 

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Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 WIZARD KING.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.40 ALRAYYIH (nap).

2.05 WATFORD HANDICAP (\$3,176: 1m 6( 92yd (14 runners)

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3.05 MILCARS CHERTSEY LOCK CONDITIONS STAKES C4

BETTING: 3-1 Captain Collins, 4-1 Fatak, 9-2 Muladitar, 6-1 Callenus, Fatal Barsan, Kasp Sound, 14-1 Tango

1995; DOUBLE LEAF 8-10 W Carson (5-1) M Shoule 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

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2.05 SUPREME STAR (nap)

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RACING: HUNTINGDON SETS SIGHTS ON CUP CAMPAIGN FOR QUEEN'S FLUENT YORK WINNER

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# Arabian Story's stamina put to the test

RACING CORRESPONDENT

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THE Queen can begin to dream of possible cup glory next year after Arabian Story carried her silks to an easy success in the Sun Life of Canada Garrowby Rated Stakes at York yesterday.

The rapidly improving three-year-old, trained by Lord Huntingdon, turned the valuable 12-mile handicup into a procession after bursting clear of his ten rivals three furlongs from home. Eased inside the final 75 yards by David Harrison, he won snugly by 2½ lengths in a fast time.

#### RICHARD EVANS

Nap: ALPHABET (4.10 Kempton Park) Next best: Shuwaiki (2.35 Kempton Park) Thunderer gave Ochos Rios (16-1) among lour York winners yesterday

"I tracked the leaders and for a stride or two had to sit and wait for a gap. When it came by the rail, the horse took off in a couple of strides and won as he liked." Harri-

son said. The victory, which came only ten days after Arabian Story had romped home in the "Gentleman's Derby" at Epsom by II lengths, had special significance for both his owner and trainer because of links with Garrowby, home

of Lord Halifax. Lord Huntingdon said: "I am particularly pleased and I am sure the Queen will be delighted to have won this race because Charles Halifax married my aunt and the Queen has stayed at Garr-

THUNDERER

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

(£2,915: 3m 3f) (7 runners)

SEDGEFIELD

2.25 George Ashford. 2.55 Royal Circus. 3.25 Staigue Fort. 4.00 Val De Rama. 4.30 Forgotten Empress, 5.05 Tinklers Folly.

2.25 WINTER RAPE NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE

1 53-2 RED VALERIAN 10F (V.F.) 6 Moore 5-12-0 Michael Brennan (5)
2 4-1F TOUGH TEST 7 (BF.F.S) Max J Goodellow 6-11-1 ... B Fenton
3 20-1 RUDYS PRIDE 24 (F.G.) S Boll 5-10-11 ... N Smith
4 5-14 RUYAL CROUS 11 (F.G.) P Hatt 7-10-9 .... N P Michael
5 PO22 STROMG GOND 17 (D.F.) M Sowersby 8-10-4 ... D Parlar (7)
6 0-14 CRAZY HORSE DANCER 11 (F.G.S) F Locan 6-10-0

7 60-P AIDE MEMORE 49 (5) Mrs B Broad 7-10-0 K Johnson

1 23-2 BEAUCADEAU 11 (F.6) M Barnes 70-11-10 P Wasgust 2 464 CLARES GWN 146 (CD.F.6.S.) J Make 12-11-5 — K Jones 3 4212 MAGIC BLOOM 11 (F.G.) J. States 10-11-5 . E Callaghara (5) 4 3942 THE BLUE BOY 13 (B.D.F.G.S.) P Bowen B-11-5 . B Johnson 3 92-2 STAKILE FORTS (C.B.F.F.G.) Demys Smid 8-10-10 . P Niven 6 3U3- CRACKLING FROST 99 (D.6) Mis D Hame 8-10-0 N Williamson

5-2 Beaumadeau, 3-1 Magr. Bloom. 7-2 The Blue Boy, 5-1 Stargue Fort, 6-1 Clares Own, 10-1 Crapting Frest.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

9-4 Red Valeran, 7-2 Rudi's Prote, 9-2 Tough Test, 5-1 Royal Circus, 7-1 Strong John, 8-1 Crary Hurse Dancer, 25-1 Aula Memoue

3.25 RAISBY QUARRIES HANDICAP CHASE

2.55 FEDERATION BREWERY HANDICAP

HURDLE (52,355: 2m 5! 110yd) (7)

(£3,457: 2m 5f) (6)



Tycoon Todd, ridden by Peslier, gains plenty of admirers after his impressive winning first appearance from 15 rivals at York yesterday

owby. The Garrowby Stud also bred Shirley Heights, who stands at Sandringham." Although Arabian Story is entered in the Tote Festival Handicap at Ascot, it will be no surprise to see him tackle a longer trip to test his staying powers. His breeding suggests two miles will suit next year. "I would be keen to see this year whether he gets a little bit further. It is my feeling he would," Lord Huntingdon

added. Working out how far horses best judges. When Even Top was just pipped by Mark Of Esteem in the 2,000 Guineas, breeding pundits insisted that the Mark Tompkins-trained horse would be even better over 12 miles.

However, after two disappointing efforts, in the Derby and Great Voltigeur Stakes, Tompkins brought the colt back to nine furlongs in the Strensall Stakes and the ploy paid off handsomely.

4.00 SAM BETRY NOVICES CHASE

2 231 FGRGOTTEN EMPRESS 25 (5) 5 Kestemell 4-10-12 R Admission 3 GPS5 PINSBOY 10 (v) 6 Oktobyl 9-10-12 P Middley (3) 4 249- VOLNG STEVEN 192 (8) W Kespp 5-10-12 S McDongai MOUNT KEEN R Woodhouse 4-10-10 M Dwysr 6 0-00 OUSETHET BOY 34 Miss M Midligan 4-10-10 M Dwysr 7 5-35 WHATS SECRETO 8 (8) H Alexander 4-10-10 P Miner 8 0-14 BOWLAND PARK 13 F Aston 5-10-7 J Cultory 9 0-4 TIGH-NA-MARKA 50 J J. Kilsman 8-10-7 E Collegion (5) 10 764 WHERL WIND ROMANCE 371 W Remp 5-10-7 K Jones 11 64 LITTLE REDWING 7 M Hammond 4-10-5 Mr C Bonner (5) 12 3-4 SLAAD 9F (8F) M Hammond 4-10-5 Mr C Bonner (5) R Gardiny

9-4 Forgotten Eropress, 7-2 Sujed, 5-1 What's Secreto. Classic Crest, 8-1 Tigh-Na-Mara, 10-1 Bowland Park, 14-1 others

3-1 Zanain, 9-2 Thelenes 5-1 Suss Lest. 7-1 Trumped, Tinklers Folly, 8-1 Gell. Balf, 10-1 Leap in The Dark, 12-1 orders.

□ Walter Swinburn was yesterday booked to

ride Clerkenwell, the Tote Ebor winner, in the Pertemps St Leger at Doncaster tomorrow week. Swinburn, who missed the first four

classics because of injury, will be attempting to

secure his first victory in the race.

4.30 STANLEY RACING NOVICES HURDLE

1 15-0 CLASSIC CREST 83 (V.CO.F) 6 Moore 5-11-5...

5.05 SEDGEFEELD MAIDEN HURDLE

(£3,209: 2m 5f) (9)

(£2,303: 2m 5f 110yd) (12)

(£2,495; 2m tf) (16)

Richard Quinn was looking

will stay can make fools of the round for dangers early in the straight and, although Even Top did not quicken quite as readily as the jockey expected. he still won comfortably by three lengths from Tambid in a race record time and will now be aimed at the Champi-

> I am just pleased to get him back to his right trip. Everybody said he would stay given his breeding but Philip Robinson always believed he had too much speed for 12 miles. He has won twice at Newmarket,

York has been a fine hunting ground during the past month for David Loder and he added to wins with Abou Zouz, Indiscreet and Bianca Nera (who has been supplemented for the Moyglare Stakes on Sunday) with an

Despite drifting in the bet-

hold

which suits him because he's ting, the newcomer swept a galloper," Tompkins said. mile in the capable hands of Olivier Peslier to provide Edward St George's Lucayan Stud with another success.

St George rates the two-year-old, bought by Charlie Gordon-Watson for \$55,000, alongside Bahamian Bounty, eye-catching debut by Tycoon winner of the group one Prix Todd in the opening Morny. Tycoon Todd is Weatherbys/Hiscox Houseentered in the Dewhurst Insurance Maiden Stakes and Racing Post Trophy but is likely to have only one more race this year.

time and is open to further improvement. However, the nursery debutant is not particularly well drawn and the other Richard Hannontrained runner, Shuwaikh.

one.

and Bahamian Bounty on his debut, the Puissance colt then ran in a useful Goodwood maiden behind In Command before finishing third in a big Windsor field. He can take advantage of a decent handicap mark. Dancethenightaway should appreciate the extended trip.

brother to Colonel Collins, has been entered for six group one and group two races and turn of foot and may be worth is the subject of encouraging opposing. Sergeyev ran his

Dowry, 5,20 Shalateeno.

DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

5.20 Sawa-ld.

GOING: GOOD

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.20 Be Warned.

2.15 RNLI SARAH EMBLY HARROP MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,258: 1m 30yd) (14 runners)

2.45 BOLLINGER CHAMPAGNE CHALLENGE HANDICAP (Amaleurs: 3-Y-O: £3,079: 1m 3i 200yd) (15)

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1 (7) 2321 CELIOH STAR 12 (8.F) B HBL 12-0 ... C B HBL (4) 93

2 (2) 3123 SEGE PERILOUS 123 (D.BF.F.S) S Wilkins 11-11

Philotexi-Gerden 92

3 (4) D400 KINGFISHER BRAVE 7 (5) M Meagher 11-9 P Morray (4) 86

4 (3) 3062 ATLARTIC MSST 18 (7-5) B Millman 11-5 L Jettod (4) 92

5 (9) 3322 SOLDER MAK 15 A Hale 11-5 ... Y Linkanbix (4) 92

6 (13) D44 AREN 1 WE LUCKY 99 JJ D48H 11-0 L Governan (4) 92

7 (10) -025 ARC OF THE DIVER 8 (6) J Berry 11-0 ... R Hale 98

8 (6) 3204 FAMY HIGHLANDS 21 J Haldeae 10-12 JA Stack (4) 95

9 (12) 0003 MDLINA MIKLIBWA 28 C Wall 11-6 ... R Waldey (4) 88

10 (9) 00-5 ELANBER 8 SPECIAL 11 (8) S Bowing 9-13 ... M Kauphton 89

11 (11) 000 OURE MORRETS 107 Makey 9-13 ... K Gottle ...

2 (1) -000 OURE MORRETS 107 Miles 9-12 ... R Thornton (8)

14 (8) 0002 DALPHIN 21 W MISSON 9-7 ... T MicCarby 9-4

15 (14) 0000 FERSAL 13 MRS J Care 9-7 ... W Wespon (4) 94

3-1 Celleth Star, 4-1 Singe Peritous, 5-1 Atlantic Mick, 6-1 Soldier Mak, 7-1 Aren't

3-1 Cellath Ster, 4-1 Siege Pentous, 5-1 Attantic Mics, 6-1 Soldler Mah, 7-1 Aten's We Lucky, 8-1 Arc Of The Diver, 10-1 Gunner & Special, 12-1 others

3.15 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND VOLVO S40

**MAEDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,786: 51) (14)** 

# ON TELEVISION

gallops reports from Manton. Michael Stoute won this race. with Double Leaf last year and introduces the well-bred Catienus and Fatal Baraari, who both hold Middle Park Stakes entries.

3.40: Wizard King is the form choice judged on his victories at Salisbury and Chepstow. Although Sir Mark Prescott's admirable stable servant has won over a mile, there is a suspicion he is at his best over slightly shorter. He could be vulnerable to a rival with a turn of foot and may be worth

best race at York 15 days ago behind Ruznama but is unproven over a mile and preference is for Ramooz. Ben Hanbury's runner disappointed last time in the Criterion Stakes and is better judged on his second in the ersey Stakes and victories at Epsom and Thirsk. This race represents a drop in class and he looks the value option.

4.10: All Is Fair, winner of a Hamilton maiden is the form choice, but it will be no surprise if one of the newcomers wins here. Three make considerable appeal, including Noble Dane for whom Pat Eddery is an eye-catching booking. The Peter Harristrained Danehill filly is above average and should be a decent price. Michael Stoute confuses matters by running two nice fillies. Although Walter Swinburn is booked to ride Desert Beauty, I am expecting a big run from Alphabet, who

RICHARD EVANS

# Alphabet to make fine start

KEMPTON PARK CHANNEL 4

2.35: Love Has No Pride was suited by the step back to six furlongs when winning by five lengths at Brighton last makes more appeal from stall

After finishing a respect-able sixth behind Grapeshot

3.05: Captain Collins, a full-

is well regarded.

# 3.50 ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND LIMITED STAKES (3-Y-0: £3,597: 61) (9)

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# CHEF BURLINDT 1941 and next 3rd of 14 to Blomberg in handrap at Sandown (1m. pood to Soi) with HAMMERSTEIN (3th better off) about 66 Russean Music 1961 in 9-numer conditions race at 7mt, May 95. SERSEYCH about 1941 5h of 8 to Russean in fested care at York (77, good to farm), VERZEIN best Laster 61 or 4-numer burdicap at Yamouth (77, firm) on penultimate start. WIZARD (CHEF STALLS best Phantom Quest 461 or 8-numer conditions race at Note of 1961 or 1961). RAMOUZ 1961 and 1961 to Lucayam Prince on group il alersey Stakes at Royal Ascarl (77, good). CENTRE STALLS best Phantom Quest 461 or 8-4.10 milcars fillies conditions stakes (2-Y-0: £4,577: 7f) (11 runners)

3.40 MILCARS TEMPLE FORTUNE STAKES

(Listed race: £12,125: 1m) (8 runners)

| (2-Y-0: £4,577: 7f) (11 runners) | Sin | 113 | 31 ALL IS FARR 18 | F) (Miss K Reusen) M Precent 8-13 | 6 Duffield | 90 | 502 | (7) | ALPHABET (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stude 8-8 | R Cochrane | 503 | (8) | CESERT BEAUTY (Lod Wearstock) M Stude 8-8 | W R Swindown | 504 | (3) | DUST DANCER (Hearnends Stud) J Dustop 8-8 | M Hite | 505 | (1) | 0 KAFAF 23 (M A Mehitecut) | Societie 8-8 | R Hite | 77 | 506 | (2) | 04 LAGUNA BAY 27 (L Fast) A Larvis 8-8 | SWithwarth | 507 | (5) | MOBLE DANE (The Bestider Partmership) P Harris 8-8 | Part Eddery | 508 | (9) | 3 MORTHERN PASS 8 (Fernary Lid) R Alertest 8-8 | Samders 8-5 | Samders 8-5 | (10) | TOP SHEEF (Frings Bloodstack Lid) E British 8-8 | M Henry | 511 | (8) | WESTERN HOUR (Mrs. B Sangster) P Chapple-Hyern 8-8 | J Reid | 8ETTRIES 3-1 Western Hour, 4-1 All Is Fair, 5-1 Alphabet, 6-1 Desert Besult), 8-1 One So Wonderlad, (10-1 others 1995; SEA SPRAY 8-8 J Reid 11-2 last P Chapmie-Huarn 5 ran 1995: SEA SPRAY 8-8 J Red (1-2 lar) P Chapple-Hyam 5 ran

# FORM FOCUS

ALL IS FAIR beat Dazzing Stone 34 or 5-numer maiden at Hamilton (61 good to farm).

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602	(6)	DD4233	OUT LINE 14 (Miss D Green) M Madgenck 4-10-0 If Variey (3)	93
603	(8)	3-45656	REEM FEVER 71 (N Cronn) D Arbuthool 3-9-12 R Price	-
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605	(1)		PAQUIQUEC 35 (P Riccardi) L Cuman 3-9-12	91
606	(13)	005	SOVEREIGNS COURT 22 (Whiteverys Recorg) D Chappell 3-9-11 M Hills	92
607	(10)		ALRAYYIH 22 (H Al Makksum) J Gosden 3-9-10	92
608	(9)	032220	SHARP SHUFFLE 18 (BF) (Mrs H Prendergest) R Harmon 3-9-10. R Hughes	95
609	(5)	234503	TIME OF MIGHT 13 (M & L Wackell) R Guest 3-9-8 D Grittates (5)	93
610	(17)	00-00	COUNTRY THATCH 22 (Mrs B Summy) C Hurgan 3-9-7 Pat Eddery	87
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614	(2)	054320	REDSKON LADY 22 (Whitcombe Manor Stables) D Fisworth 3-8 12. G Bandwell	93
615	(14)	6000-00	YEATH 21 (Roelles Partners) R Albehorst 4-8-12 S Sanders	89
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OUT LINE neck and 31 3rd of 9 to Kerry Ring in maiden at Sandonne (71, good to soit). MANSAB best effort, 3k4 2md of 14 to Sothe Timer in maiden at Doncaster (71, good to Soit). PAOJULANC 3X1 4th of 6 to Kangala in maiden at Newtonfeel (61, good to Soit) on penultimate start. ALRAYYIH

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# TRANSERS: P Bowen, 5 witness from 8 romers, 62.5%, Mrs M Reveley, 63 from 222, 28.4%, G Moure, 19 from 114, 16.7%, W Curry, 7 from 43, 16.3%, Debys Smith, 12 from 83, 14.5%, H Alexander, 3 from 21, 14.3% YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

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Yam-Sing, 50 Night Chouse, Style Dancer
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# Centurion Gooch overtakes a fellow old master



Gooch: dismissive

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

EDGBASTON (third day of four): Warwickshire, with seven secondinnings wickets in hand, need 371 runs to beat Essex

EDGBASTON has never been a lucky ground for Graham Gooch. He was twice out for nought here on his Test debut and, after 23 seasons of trying, he had made only one century, 19 years ago. He was unlucky yesterday, too, in being run out at the non-striker's end while backing up, but by then he had completed the 127th century of his career and given Essex a winning position against Warwickshire.

by sunshine. For five sessions, under low cloud, it looked most unlikely to run a full course as batsmen rapidly lost either their wicket or their dignity to exaggerat-ed movement. Then the skies cleared and the bowlers' brows began to furrow. By teatime yesterday, with Essex on 401 for three, Warwickshire were waiting for the

merciful release of a declaration. It came with an hour of the day remaining and left the outgoing champions an hour and a full day to make 436. A tall order, of course, and now entirely beyond them. A sprightly opening stand raised 36 in six overs but three wickets then fell within six balls. Essex should win

their challenge for Warwickshire's

To say that Gooch held the key to the game is to repeat a cricketing cliche. Down the decades, there have been few more influential English players. Now, his authoritative 147, the seventh century of a season which he began convinced it would be his last, deflated a Warwickshire side that had competed spiritedly for two days.

Already this summer, Gooch had overtaken Tom Graveney and Denis Compton to move into the top ten prolific centurions. Yesterday. he went past W. G. Grace. Gooch's old as W. G. looked, but he has, in which puts his record into awesome perspective.

Resuming on 58, he reached three figures with negligible fuss and one memorable stroke. Munton, for whom this has been a chastening game, dropped short and Gooch, in position without discernible foot movement, clubbed the ball contemptuously over mid-wicket for six. He received the applause for his century perfunctorily, routinely called for fresh gloves and then played a sequence of dismissive shots against Neil Smith.

There seemed no way Warwickshire could dismiss him until a straight drive from Paul Prichard was deflected into the bowler's

his career record removed. Until yesterday, he had managed only 596 runs against Warwickshire out of a career total of almost 44,000.

Gooch had shared stands of 89 with Hussain and III with Prichard. his successor as captain. In his stead, Prichard proceeded to a century of his own, his first of what may yet be a season of high personal fulfilment. As the bowling became wayward and the fielding desultory, Warwickshire's cricket adopted a fatalism that they avoided in better times. Since Pollock went home. their attack has lacked an edge but. if they sought hope for the future, it was out there with them yesterday,

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-32, 2-65, 3-108, 4-148, 5-171, 6-242

BOWLING: Mascarephas 16-2-62-3, Renshaw 9-1-46-0; Thursfield 7-1-20-0; Botham 6-2-33-1; Maru 12-1-71-1; White 9-1-37-0; Larvey 2-0-9-0.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

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Hampshire v Glamorgan

SOUTHAMPTON (third day of four): Glamorgan, with four second-innings wickets in hand, are 330 runs ahead of

GLAMORGAN: First fruings 401 (S P James 103, H Monte 80, R D B Croft 67, A D Shaw 53; D A Mascarenhas 6 for 88)

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off, his job done and a blemish on his company as Allan Donald, who will be back in the side next year, spent a session

as fielding substitute. Ronnie Irani added 139 with Prichard and looked destined to make the day's third century when Prichard declared. In truth, he had delayed longer than was necessary. though no longer than was psychologically desirable to examine Warwickshire's resolution fully.

Briefly, it seemed strong, but Neil Williams intervened crucially. Moles was taken at short leg and Wasim Khan suffered the experience of many a first-innings centurion by falling for nought, leg-before second ball. Knight then played no stroke to Such's arm ball and Warwickshire were in steep decline.

# Leicestershire held up by Tolley as vital win beckons

TRENT BRIDGE (third day of four): Nottinghamshire, with two second-innings wickets in hand, are 74 runs ahead of Leicestershire

A DRAMATIC collapse in the final session of the day by Nottinghamshire has left Leicestershire in sight of a victory that would put them top of the Britannic Assurance county championship table

this morning.

If Derbyshire subsequently win at Taunton, they will slip back to second place; but if not, Leicestershire's destiny will fall into their own hands. Maximum points from their remaining fixtures, against Durham at Chester-le-Street and Middlesex at Grace Road, would make them champions for only the second time.

When tea was taken. Leicestershire appeared to face a long haul, stretching well into today. Nottinghamshire were 89 for two, still 26 in arrears, on a pitch offering only a little help to the spin bowlers. Robinson had dug himself in for his umpteenth rearguard action at Trent Bridge.

Then, in the span of one disastrous hour — not the first they have had recently -Nottinghamshire lost six wickets in moving only seven runs in front, and such was the rattle of wickets that a threety rather than a possibility. before spirited batting by Tolley, for the second time in the match, not only stopped the rot but saw 67 runs added

in positive fashion in the final hour as Bares and Bowen provided gallant support. Nothing the tail does.

though, can disguise the woe-ful lack of application among Nottinghamshire's top-order batsmen. Robinson was exonerated yesterday but neither he nor any of the others playing here has scored a championship century in the six defeats the club has suffered in its previous seven matches. Robinson was desperately unlucky to be dis-

Philip Tufnell claimed seven wickets for 49 to dismiss Lancashire for 106 in their second innings at Old Trafford yesterday and secure an unlikely 23-run win for Middlesex. Tufnell's left-arm spin produced career-best match figures of 13 for 123. Lancashire escaped having points docked after a TCCB panel inspected the pitch.

missed just after reaching his half-century. He "lost" a ball from Millns over the top of the sightscreen at the Radcliffe Road end and was leg-before to a ball he did not attempt to play. That said, he enjoyed several close calls, much to Leicestershire's growing frustration. He was almost caught and was dropped by Nixon off

Simmons on 29. Millns quickly followed up with the wicket of Evans. held by Maddy running back from short leg, and when Millns was rested, Simmons promptly dispatched Bates in his first over. But it was the decision of Whitaker, the Leicestershire captain, to turn to spin that put the skids

under the home side. Pierson opened up at the Pavilion end shortly before tea and in his third over after the interval removed Johnson. caught at forward short leg pushing forward. Two overs later, he had Dowman taken at first slip and at 108 for four everything seemed to depend on Robinson. However, in the following over he, too, was gone. Pierson later took a third wicket when he dismissed Noon, also to a catch by Maddy close to the wicket.

Nottinghamshire had looked ready for a long fight when Archer was in partnership with Robinson but he was bowled by a terrific outswinger from Simmons, whose tally of championship wickets this season stands at an impressive 48. They came together when Millns, in his second over, had again removed the struggling Pollard.

Leicestershire had stretched their overnight advantage from 17 to 115, a size of lead that looked unlikely when Tolley removed Whitaker and Millns in the day's seventh sourcefulness is at the heart of their success and Parsons came up with a belligerent half-century to give them just whose top-edge was smartly the fillip needed.



Pollard loses his middle stump as Millns makes a breakthrough at Trent Bridge

# Lee checks Derbyshire's advance towards title

Maynard provides a

performance to relish

By MICHAEL HENDERSON

TAUNTON (third day of four): Derbyshire, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 281 runs ahead of

IN THE dying days of the season, with autumn casting its shadows, Shane Lee scored a hundred spring-like in its joy. Somerset's cricket in this match has been wet, which made his innings all the more resounding. It was glorious batting and it underlined just

THE Surrey captain, Alec

Stewart, spent the day by his wife's hospital bed. They are expecting their second child. It

is to be hoped that all goes as

well as matters did for Surrey

so handsomely did the cap-taincy of Adam Hollioake

(who was celebrating his 25th

birthday yesterday), and the

efforts of the team under

him, serve Surrey, that only

the left-overs remain for

Competently as Surrey per-

formed in setting Northamp-tonshire an unlikely 459 to win

and then shooting out six of

the visitors for 173, it was not

the stoutest of opposition that

they encountered. First, Northamptonshire allowed

Surrey to recover from 178 for

falling only two runs short of a

feat he accomplished in Sur-

rey's first match of the season

Then Northamptonshire were

scuppered after a reasonable

start by a spell from Lewis that

yielded three wickets for two

Northamptonshire lived to

runs in ten balls.

two centuries in the match.

six, the last three wickets adding 120, with Hollioake

today.

in Stewart's absence. Indeed,

among their younger generation.

Lee came to Taunton as a bowler who could bat, whereas he is really a batsman who bowls serviceable medium pace, if not quite as cannily as Steve Waugh, his New South Wales team-mate. Waugh. who played two summers for Somerset not so long ago, was their first choice as overseas player and turned down a substantial offer to return to Taunton as captain. Lee, given an opportunity in his stead,

prove more than nuisance

value in Surrey's onward

march in the quest for the

championship.

Most impressive of all has been Hollioake's batting and

the all-round skills of Julian.

Northamptonshire had done

pretty well to prise out four

more of Surrey's top batsmen

while only 46 were added first

thing yesterday, but then came Hollioake's 98 from 127

balls. It was a superb innings and nothing became him like

the way he put the interest of

his side before his second

century, continuing to go for

quick runs throughout the 90s.

Lewis, Kersey, the nightwatchman, and Julian,

but Hollioake's was a virtuoso

innings with which North-

amptonshire had nothing to

compare. Montgomerie was

adhesive; Loye, once he found his bearings, played some

cracking shots, but the young-

sters, Swann and Sales both

met good balls early on,

Sales falling during a deadly spell by Lewis that also ac-

counted for Loye and Curran.

Bookings for lunch tomorrow

are as rare as hens'

He was ably assisted by

Hollioake excels as he

performs leading role

THE OVAL (third day of four):
Northamptonshire, with four
wickets in hand, need 286 runs

fight another day, but only just. Even the gallant Ripley can hardly be expected to

looks the part. He stands still at the crease, picks the bat up cleanly and plays his strokes in a satisfyingly orthodox manner. He hit the ball vigorously yesterday from the moment he swivelled into a fullyrounded hook and sent

Like most Australians, he

Malcolm out of the ground. Lee's 110, his fourth hundred of the season, occupied only 138 balls and included 16 fours as well as that six. The quality of his cover-driving,

SOUTHAMPTON (third day

of four): Glamorgan, with four second-innings wickets

in hand, are 330 runs ahead

WHEN Matthew Maynard

bats as he did yesterday, it is best to relish him rather than

ponder an unfulfilled taleut.

His 69 runs off 44 balls, which

included five sixes and seven

fours, was the pick of several

decent innings. The square at

Southampton remains nothing if not ideally suited to

Off successive balls from

Botham, spread across two

overs. Maynard struck 4. 4. 4. 4 and a 6 into the pavilion,

each one an authentic and attractive shot. Mascarenhas,

who took six wickets in Gla-

morgan's first innings and

has three more in their sec-

Not content with this, the

Glamorgan captain drove

Maru out of the ground twice

in succession, the second of these effortlessly-timed shots

executed with one hand off

the bat in the follow-through.

He did not face another ball.

Cottey drove to extra cover

and continued running in

pursuit of a single despite

being sent back. Maynard,

unselfishly and unnecessari-

ond, went for 6, 4, 6.

of Hampshire

signalled early on with successive boundaries off Harris, was unsurpassable. Well as Barnett played later in making the 49th hundred of his career, Lee's gorgeous innings took the palm.

He made it against an attack deprived of Cork, who nursed a hamstring strain at slip and later left the field, though he may be fit to bowl today. Adams also went off, to be replaced by Les Stillman, the Derbyshire coach, as Somerset eventually conceded a lead of 60.

Gibson, whose disappoint-

ing career with Glamorgan

comes to an end this month,

struck several blows with as

much force as timing in the

final session. reaching a half-century off 35 balls. Maynard

has an additional 49 runs to

play with as a result of

Hampshire declaring in ar-

rears soon after lunch. He will

probably not bat on his morn-

ing, leaving them 331 to win.

Laney was out without addi-

tion to his overnight 102,

nicely held by Morris at first

slip. Smith made a half-

century with eight fours and

considerable ease, but the fact

that he reached 1,000 runs for

the season during this innings says something about his side's struggles of late. He

struck eight fours in this

innings.

Maru, the nightwatchman,

gained his first half-century of

the season. If this was not the

most attractive innings of the

day, it was probably the most

worthy. There was time for

Kendall to show why he is

regarded highly in these parts, and on this flat pitch he

will have every chance to excel again today. Should May-

nard close Glamorgan's in-

nings first thing this morning,

his declaration will not lack

As to Hampshire's batting,

when he hooked Malcolm to fine leg, where Harris put the ball down. That was the only blemish on another performance of skill and character by the young seamer, who bowled well, and pretty fast. He took four for 95, decent figures on this pitch, and is a certainty for the A tour to Australia: at least, he should

Derbyshire wasted no time in improving their lead. Barnett took 14 from Caddick's first over and has so

Barnett's hundred 100 came from 152 balls and he was dropped immediately at fine leg, prompting some excep-tional pouting from Caddick, who wears a long face even when all is right with the world.

Jones has to do his sums this morning, and then hope that Somerset play ball. In order to win. Derbyshire must be prepared to lose, particularly as Essex, Leicestershire and Surrey look like winning. It is worth a gamble, surely.

# Sussex hit low point in summer of strife

WORCESTER (third day of four): Worcestershire (24pts) beat Sussex (4) by an innings and 14 runs

THE end of the season cannot come quickly enough as far as Sussex are concerned, judging by the way they plummeted to their fourth successive championship defeat on a blameless pitch at New Road yesterday. When they were not batting like spineless martlets, they were running between the wickets like headless chickens.

Only a painstaking 36 not out from Greenfield and a blistering assault by Law. who struck 75 off 45 balls when the game was as good as lost. prolonged the proceedings into the third afternoon after they had lost their first eight wickets for 45 in 17 overs.

Sussex have had a traumat-ic time lately, what with the Giddins episode, the talk of Salisbury wanting to move to another county and the injuries that have cost them the services of Jarvis and Lewry. but none of those factors could excuse such a puerile batting performance.

They had resumed on 21 without loss and the immediate task of scoring a further 173 to avoid an innings defeat was far from impossible against a Worcestershire side

whose slender bowling resources had been further depleted when Rawnsley, the young left-arm spinner, was caught up in the aftermath of an accident on the M5 and failed to get to the ground on

All the fight seemed to drain out of them, however, once Lampitt claimed both Lenham and Athey leg-before, and Ellis clung to a superb catch, low to his left on the long-leg boundary, to dismiss Wells off Sheriyar. The Newell brothers were

run out in successive overs. Keith by a smart piece of fielding by Moody, Mark in a mix-up with Greenfield that left him stranded by Leatherdale's throw from point. It was a rotten way for him to bag a pair on his firstclass debut, especially as there was some suspicion that Rhodes had flattened the stumps without the ball in his

Sheriyar, bowling as well as he has done since joining Worcestershire from Leicestershire, took the next three wickets in three overs, and then, after the belligerent Law had made his 75 out of 107 in 14 overs, returned to pick up the last two and finish with championship-best figures of BOWLING Malcolm 34-5-146-3; DeFrettas 22-3-90-0; Cork 14-5-48-1; Harris 23 4-5-95-4; Roberts 25-11-55-1; Bernett 9-0-18-0. Bonus points: Somerset 7 Derbyshire 7

THE OVAL (therd day of lour): North-amptonshire, with lour second-innings wickets in hand, require 236 runs to beat Surrey

JE Benjamin not out ...... \*A J Stewart abs ...... Extras (b 4, ib 15, w 2, nb 14) .....

Total .....

Total (4 wkts dec. 101.1 overs) ....352 L J Botham, †A N Aymes, D A Mascarenhas, M J Thursfield and S J Renshaw did not bet. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-153, 2-179, 3-193,4-279.

80WLING: Watkin 14-0-60-1; Gibson 15-3-75-0; Parkin 17-4-38-0; Croft 31-11-51-3; Cosker 20-4-98-0; Dele 4.1-1-17-0 Bonus points: Hampshire 8 Umpires: G i Burgess and D J Constant

Lancashire v Middlesex OLD TRAFFORD (third day of tour): Middlesex (20pts) beat Lancashire (6) by 23 runs

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 160 (M Watkinson 5 for 15, P J Martin 4 for 31) Second innings 231 (K R Brown 83, M W Gatting 50; M Watkinson 4 for 104) LANCASHIRE: First Innings 262 (S P Titchard 67; P C R Turnell 6 for 74)

Second innings

\*M Watkinson c Brown b Tutnell .....

S P Tachard low b Johnson ....

J E R Gallian low b Tutnell .....

J P Crawley c Ramprakash b Tutnell ....

M A Atherton low b Tutnell .... esc Carr b Tufneli ..... 

Total ..... FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-2, 3-2, 4-13, 5-42, 6-57, 7-72, 8-72, 9-103 BOWLING Johnson 15-3-37-3; Tutnell 20.1-4-49-7; Fraser 3-0-7-0; Weekes 3-

Umpires: J W Holder and G Sharp.

Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire

TRENT BRIDGE (third day of four): Nottinghamshire, with two second-in-nings wickets in hand, are 74 runs ahead of Leicestershire NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 324 (K P Evans 71) Second Innings
P R Politard b Milins ......
R T Robinson flow b Milins .....

R T Robinson low b Milins
G F Archer b Simmons
"P Johnson c Maddy b Pierson
M P Dowman c Persons b Pierson
C M Tolley not out
K P Evans c Maddy b Milins
TW M Noon c Maddy b Milins
RT Betes low b Simmons
M N Bowen not out 

BOWLING Milins 15.4-28-3; Parsons 16-5-54-0; Simmons 15-2-44-2; Pierson 15-3-43-3; Brimson 3-1-6-0. 15:3-43-4; BITTSOT 3-1-0-4.
LEICESTERSHIRE: Pirst Imnings
V J Welts c Bates b Dowrman
D L Maddy c Archer b Bates
"J J Whitaker b Tolley.
B F Smath c and b Dowrman

F Sman c are 5 V Simmons b Bowen ..... I Macmillan b Alford ...... 

Score at 120 overs: 386-7 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-61, 2-228, 3-262, 4-267, 5-327, 6-357, 7-357, 8-387, 9-BOWLING: Evans 12-4-23-0. Bowen 32-3-5-97-2; Today 25-6-93-2; Bates 25-2-88-2; Alford 33-7-83-2; Downan 14-3-43-2

Bonus points: Nottinghamshire 6 Leicestershire 8 Umpires, B J Meyer and A G T

Somerset v Derbyshire TAUNTON (third day of four): Derby-shire, with eight sacond-timings wickets in hand, are 281 runs ahead of Somersel DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 524 (A S Rollins 127, K M Krikken 89, D G Cark 77, P A J Defreitas 60, G M Roberts 52)

 Second Innings
 K J Bernett not out
 A S Rollins the b Caddick
 C J Address C Turner b Kerr
 D M Jones not out
 Extras (b 5, w 1, nb 10) BOWLING Caddict. 12-0-61-1: Kerr 8-1-42-1. Batty 20-3-67-0. Lee 4-1-20-0: Trescotheck 6-0-22-0. Bowler 1-0-4-0

SOMERSET: First Innings
M N Lathwell b Malcolm
M E Trescolhick c Krikken b Cork.
\*P D Bowler blw b Harris
R J Harden run out
S C Ecclesione low b Roberts
J D Bathy c Roberts b Harris
S Lee c sub b Harris
H J Turne the h Melecien S Lee c sub b Herns . ... .. †R J Turner Ibw b Malcolm J I D Kerr c Krikken b Malcol A R Caddick b Herns . ....

Score at 120 overs: 419-7

YESTERIAN SESCOPPERIORES

Umpires: P Willey and A Clarkson. Surrey v Northamptonshire

SURREY: First Innine 395 (A J Hitioake 129, B P Julian 117; J P Taylor 4 for 87) 

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-78, 2-88, 3-97, 4-101, 5-127, 6-178, 7-248, 8-288, 9-BOWLING: Ambrose 25-12-55-4, Taylo

15-7-19-1; Capel 16-4-67-1; Penberthy 18-2-71-1; Snape 17.3-2-67-2. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 235 (D Ripley 55; B P Julian 6 for 37) Second Innings

"K M Curren c Kersey b Lewis ..... †D Ripley not out ...... Extres (b 12, tb 5, w 3, nb 12)

Total (6 wkts) .... FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-104, 3-105, 4-111, 5-112, 6-162. BOWLING: M P Bicknell 14-5-29-2 Lewis 14-2-45-3, Benjamin 9-2-39-1 Julian 7-1-36-0; D J Bicknell 2-1-7-0.

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Bonus points: Surrey 8 Northamptonshire 5 Umpires: J D Bond and V A Holder.

Warwickshire v Essex EDGBASTON (third day of four): Warwickshire, with seven second-in-nings wickets in hand, require 371 runs to beat Essex ESSEX: First Innings 238 (R C Irani 69; G C Small 4 for 41)

Second innings J J B Lewis not out ...... Extras (b 14, lb 10, w 2, nb 4) ..... Total (6 wkts dec) ... FALL OF WICKETS: 1-77, 2-166, 3-277,

4-416, 5-420, 6-425. BOWLING: Small 11-1-62-0; Munton 24-2-78-1; Brown 15-2-50-1; Smith 27-1-117-0; Gites 41-9-119-3.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 253 (W

Second Inninos N V Knight Bow b Such 24
A J Moles c sub b Williams 9
W G Khan Ibow b Williams 0
D P Ostler not out 10
T L Penney not out 19
Extras (b 1, nb 2) 3 Total (3 wkts) .... FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36, 2-36, 3-36, BOWLING: Not 3-1-19-0; Williams 6-1-25-2; Such 5-1-12-1; Grayson 3-0-8-0.

Umoires: A.A. Jones and N.T. Plews. Worcestershire v Sussex WORCESTER (third day of four): Worcestershire (24pts) beat Sussex (4) by an innings and 14 runs SUSSEX: First Innings 219 (V C Drakes 103)

Bonus points: Warwickshire 6 Essex 5

Second Innings K Newell run out ...... M Newell run out M Newell run out
V C Drakes c Solanki b Sheriyar
P Moores b Sheriyar
I D K Salisbury low b Sheriyar
D R Law c Solanki b Sheriyar
R J Kritey low b Sheriyar
Extras (b 8, lb 6, w 4, nb 8) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-44, 3-49, 4-54, 5-54, 6-56, 7-62, 8-72, 9-179.

BOWLING: Sherryar 24-7-99-6; Effis 6-4-14-0; Leatherdale 1 1-0-1-0; Lampitt 10-2-23-2, Moody 7-2-27-0; Solanki 1-0-2-WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 413 for 9 dec (D A Leatherdale 122, S J Rhodes 110, T S Curds 61) Umpires: J C Balderstone and K E Palmer

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# **TENNIS**

# Muster put to flight by Agassi's aggression

FROM DAVID MILLER IN NEW YORK

US Open Championships alight with a performance against Thomas Muster that was as musterful as his appearance was absurd. He and his manipulative clothing sponsors contrived to make him look like Harpo Marx in sneakers and stolen trousers. but no matter how ridiculous his attire, the ball coming off his racket is undiluted venom.

There is no player in the game who can rise, as Agassi does, from a state of wanton slovenliness to peak performance in a short time almost at will. This year it has sometimes seemed as if he no longer cared about his reputation, yet he produced an astonishing display to win the Olympic gold medal, against Sergi Bruguera, and has now reached the summit of his form, on his favourite cement surface, in time for the semifinals tomorrow.

In a quarter-final of acute contrast. Muster, physically lean, taut and mean in manner, looked from the start like the destined loser in Rocky III. Repeatedly he was knocked to the ground, repeatedly he would climb back to his feet. the perspiration pouring in rivulets off his angular nose and chin, only to be clobbered

Tim Henman, 21, the Britain tennis No 1, has pulled out of the inaugural Bournemouth International Open because of thigh and groin problems. He received painkillers for the injuries during his run to the last 16 at the US Open in New York this week. Henman, expecting to rise to a world ranking near 30 on Monday, is also doubtful for Britain's Davis Cup Group Two match against Egypt later this month.

again with yet more merciless nunching from the hero-freak at the other end.

Ultimately, in company with the Duchess of York, who was sitting in the front row of the stadium court at Flushing Meadow, you felt sorry for Muster, no more than a mobile punch-bag driven by the onslaught of ground strokes to a defensive position beyond the baseline, going down 6-2, 7-5, 4-6, 6-2. Muster's one moment of misfortune came with the rain break at I-O to Agassi at the start of the fourth set, just when Muster had found his own momentum in the third. On resumption. Agassi broke him for 2-0 and the match was

One virtue of New York's oppressive summer humidity is that Agassi's voluminous shirt, drenched from the first game, clings to his torso, and does not ride up repeatedly to give a view of his hairy navel. Perhaps some of the teenage girls regret this.

Asked what kind of game might possibly halt Agassi, who meets Michael Chang, the No 2 seed, in the semifinal. Muster had one word. "Aces." Even with aces, how-

ANDRE AGASSI has set the ever, he doubted whether Sampras or Ivanisevic, the other probable semi-finalists who were playing late last night (BST), could control condition.

"You have to be very consistent." Muster said, "and that is probably not enough. He is a fremendous returner, proba-bly the best in the world. I am usually the one that is dominating the game, and he dominated me today.

At his best. Agassi is literally flying: taking his shots with both feet off the ground, his open-grip forehand allowing him to delay the direction of his shot until the opponent is committed. Against Muster, he maintained a destructive length that drained the Austrian's energy as surely as if he were pursuing a trio of Kenyans around the running

A debilitating psychological aspect of Agassi's game is that he will never look at his opponent between points. Muster, with his bullying demeanour, likes to stare down his opponents, but the more he glared in Agassi's direction, the more he was left with nothing but the sight of Agassi's back, turning away after firing another sizzling

It was therefore a bit of a sauce for Agassi to arrive in the interview room and say that he wished Muster "would look me in the eye when we shake hands." Muster, having been driven at one stage, when trailing 0-2 in the third set, to demand intervention by the referee and umpire to subdue intimidating shouts mid-point by Agassi acolytes in the players' box, was probably more inclined to poke Agassi in the eye with his racket handle.

Both players declined to elaborate further on the longrunning feud between them over Muster's No I ranking in February, or on the relevance to that dispute of the outcome of this match.

The two players had last met in the US Open at the same stage in 1994, when Muster was seeded No 13 and Agassi unseeded. Agassi had beaten him in straight sets and gone on to win the trophy. the second of his three grandslam titles. Agassi's performance this fortnight has substantiated the thinking behind the United States Tennis Association's adjustment of the seedings, compared with ranking positions. maladroitly though they handled the issue. Agassi against Samprass or Ivanisevic will make an intruging final, though Agassi has still to

Michael's strength starts with his speed," Agassi said. "There's not really a sport you can name in which speed isn't a strong weapon, and he has that. He also has anything up to nine game-plans that he will go to if he needs to, so he can come at you with a lot of different [strategies]."

dispose of Chung.

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King remains firmly in control of Star Appeal to take the lead in the dressage yesterday

# King reveals star quality to leave field trailing

By JENNY MACARTHUR

MARY KING'S run of post-Olympic success continued vesterday when she and Star Appeal went into a comfortable lead at the end of a sunlit first day of dressage at the Burghley Horse Trials, sponsored by Pedigree Chum, in Lincolnshire yesterday.

An obedient, flowing test by the II-year-old gelding has put King four marks ahead of Pippa Funnell on her Blenheim winner, Bits And Pieces. Didier Seguret is in third place on Coeur De Rocker, a noted three-star horse but yet to impress at this level.

King has scarcely put a foot wrong since her disappointing Olympic performance in Atlanta on King William. At Thirlestane three weeks ago she won the Scottish championshins on Star Anneal, Last weekend at Gatcombe, riding King William, she won her third British Open title.

Star Appeal has been overdue a change of luck. The big. rangy horse missed Bramham three years ago after puncturing the sole of his foot. The next year he broke his near foreleg and was out for six

He returned to competition in the summer of 1994, finish-

ing fourth at Burghley, Last after his best dressage test to year he was shortlisted for the European championships after winning at Punchestown but overreached three weeks before the event. His Badminton debut this spring ended abruptly when he fell at the first fence. At Bramham, in June, King had a second crashing fall when he ran rides today. away with her on the cross

"He's been unlucky," King said, "but he's fit now and I've got the brakes sorted out." Where most of the riders have expressed concern at the number of difficult fences early on in the course for the cross country tomorrow, King is delighted. "The bigger the better for him."

Funnell and Seguret are less enthusiastic. Burghley is a big step up for the skewbald Bits And Pieces, and Funnell spent yesterday afternoon walking the course with Mark Phillips. the designer, to plan her route. Seguret will be taking two of the longer, easier routes tomorrow. "Some courses are difficult and some are technical — this is both," he said.

Andrew Nicholson, on Buckley Province, the winner last year and fourth overnight date, will be quick to take advantage of any mistakes by the leaders. Nicholson, one of the most effective of crosscountry riders, intends to take the direct routes. He and his New Zealand compatriot, Mark Todd, who was 23rd on Kingarrie, both have second Several top riders have

some catching up to do tomorrow after disappointing tests. Karen Dixon lost valuable marks when her veteran performer. Get Smart, was distracted by the shrill barks from the dog creche adjacent to the arena.

The most relieved rider yesterday was Rodney Powell with his 1994 Blenheim runner-up, Comic Relief. At Badminton, the ten-year-old gelding spent much of his dressage test on his hind legs. The aptly-named horse had another aberration at Gat-combe last week. Yesterday he was the model of decorum, finishing well in contention in

STANDBNOS (after first day of dreesage)\* 1. Star Appeal (M King, GB) 43.4; 2. Bas And Picces (P Funnell, GB) 47.4; 3. Cocur De Rocker (D Seguret, Fr) 47.6; equal 4. Bucidey Province (A Micholson, N2) and Best Selfer (M Wessberder, US) 55.4, 6. Comic Relief (R Powell, GB) 56.0.

second race with rudder and Bedford, who was second to Lennon at Cowes, has made an uncharacteristically poor start, with only one top-five finish, and is lying twelfth

**CYCLING** 

# Boardman aiming at new peaks

BY PETER BRYAN

CHRIS BOARDMAN, who twice set world records on his way to winning the world 4,000 metres pursuit champ-ionship in Manchester last week, will attempt to beat the world one-hour record on the same track tonight.

Boardman's aim is to improve the distance of 55.291 kilometres, covered by Tony Rominger at Bordeaux two years ago, which means he will have to circle the 250metre wooden track 222 times to be assured of becoming the new champion in the sport's blue-riband event.

Since winning his world pursuit title, Boardman has experimented with slight changes to his stretched out "Superman" position, devised by Graeme Obree when the International Cycling Union (ICU) outlawed his original skier's "tuck".

At a press conference vesterday, Boardman said that he had made slight changes because riding for one hour is quite different from a 4,000 metres pursuit". He will use new handlebars, specially made to his design, to seek a greater degree of comfort. Even then, he expects to come out of the "Superman" style once or twice to ease the strain

attempting to break it." If Boardman is successful,

advocate of redefining the regulations so that machines have to be built to a more conventional design.

technical commission is study-

ing these innovations and will

SPORT IN BRIEF

# Merricks **Essex plans for Law** disrupted by rain

SAILING

battling

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Lennon

By EDWARD GORMAN SAILING CORRESPONDENT

the Glenfiddich Melges 24

national championships at

Brixnam. Mike Lennon, the

defending champion on Raw Hyde, has established a strong

position, with three firsts and two third places, to lead the 24-strong fleet.

At the head of the chasing pack is the 470 Olympic below the places and silver the strong pack.

helmsman and silver medal-

winner, John Merricks, on

Glenfiddich 3, who is sailing in his first Melges regatta.

with Rob Smith, on Henri

Lloyd Rapid Breathing, in

The 12-race championship.

which comes just a month before the Melges European championship in Barcelona.

has not attracted as many

entries as had been hoped for,

but the racing has been close.

tions, Lennon showed blister-ing downwind speed, recover-

ing from a poor start in the third race of the day to finish third after being well down the pack as late as the second leeward mark Merricks, who, like his Observations

like his Olympic partner, Ian

Walker, is trying to find the

focus for his next big cam-

paign, already appears to be Lennon's most likely challeng-

er, with one first, two seconds

Yesterday he won the first

race but was unlucky in the

second when his spinnaker became tangled in his jib as he

was dropping it. The problem was solved after Sacha Nice, a

crewman, climbed the mast to

free the sail. Merricks still

managed to finish fifth, hav-

ing dropped back from

David Bedford, on Glen-

fiddich I. retired from the first

race after he broke his bow-

sprit in an incident on the

startline with Clive Jacobs, on Flash Harry, and Charlie Stobart-Hook, on Interalpha.

Two others retired from the

and two thirds.

Yesterday, in fresh condi-

STUART LAW. Essex's Australian all-rounder, is highly unlikely to play in the NatWest Trophy final against Lancashire at Lord's tomorrow. Essex had planned to fly Law back from Sri Lanka today, had Australia been eliminated from the Singer Cup tournament by India in the final group match yesterday. But rain forced the postponement of the game for 24 hours. Had Australia lost, Law could have been back in London by 4pm today, giving him time for a good night's rest before the final.

Now, the earliest he can arrive in England is at 9.15am on Saturday, 75 minutes before the start at Lord's, "At present we are not contemplating Stuart being able to play," Peter Edwards, the Essex general manager, said, "But you never know what could happen if there is rain and the final is delayed, or if by 10am he's in a taxi and feeling good."

# Thugwane pulls out

ATHLETICS: Josia Thugwane, the Olympic marathon champion, who claims death threats have been made against him, has pulled out of the Great North Run on September 15. The 25-year-old security guard, who became South Africa's first black gold medal-winner, said of the threats from a criminal organisation: "They think I'm rich."

# Britons go for record

TENNIS: Megan Miller, based in Florida, and Jo Ward, of Durham, make their debuts when Britain Under-21 women attempt a record fourth successive victory over the United States in the Maureen Connolly Trophy in Texas later this month. Also in the team are Mandy Wainwright, of Chingford, and Claire Taylor and Lizzie Jelfs, of Banbury.

# Parrott flies fold

SNOOKER: John Parrott has withdrawn from the England team for the World Cup in Thailand next month. The former world champion has opted not to travel to Bangkok because the event takes place when his wife is expecting the birth of their second child. Ronnie O'Sullivan joins Peter Ebdon and Nigel Bond in the England line-up.

# First-class Male

REAL TENNIS: James Male, the world rackets champion who became a professional this week, celebrated his new-found status when he and Julian Snow, the world's top amateur, reached the final of the prestigious Cos d'Estournel European Open doubles championship with victory over Adam Phillips and Nick Wood in straight sets.



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on his arm muscles. He refused to predict the distance he might cover but said: "If all goes to plan, I will put the record at such a level that the top riders will have to think long and hard before

the record might well be the last set by a rider in "Superman" mode to be accepted by the governing body. Hein Verbruggen, the ICU's director-general, is a known

"If Boardman breaks the record, it will be within the rules." he said. "but our

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# FOOTBALL: FOREIGN TRAVELLERS OFFERED JOURNEY INTO UNKNOWN BY COCA-COLA CUP DRAW Ravanelli seeks out Hereford

By DAVID MADDOCK

FABRIZIO RAVANELLI will no doubt be getting out his bumper atlas of Great Britain this morning to check exactly where Hereford is. The Italian, along with the rest of the cosmopolitan band of overseas FA Carling Premiership newcomers, was given the perfect introduction to English football yesterday morning when the draw was made for

the Coca-Cola Cup. The second round, with its seeding bias, inevitably throws up some wonderfully eccentric pairings. Ravanelli, Juninho and Emerson will not have heard of Hereford United, of the Nationwide League third division, never mind know where they play, but he and his Middlesbrough colleagues will not forget their visit to the tiny Edgar Street

ground in a hurry. Chelsea, more glamorous now with Gullit, Vialli, Di DRAW

Shetheid Wednesday v Oxford United, Fulham v Ipswich, Preston v Tottenham, Blackpool v Chelsea, Southampton v Peterborough, Otdham v Trainnere, Bernsley v Gatingham; Bury v Crystal Palace: Wimbledon v Portsmouth, Middlesbrough v Hereford: Nottingham Forest v Wycornbe; Swindon v OPR: Brentford v Blackburn: Scarborough v Leicester; Bristol City v Botton: Lincoln v Manchester City, Barnet v West Ham; Charlion v Burnley, Leeds v Darlington; Stockport v Streft Litd: Everion v York: Hudderstield v Cotchester: Welford v Sunderland: Luton v Derby; Port Vale v Carlisle: Coveritry v Birmingham: Stoke v Northampton. The legs to be played weeks starting Sep 16 and Sep 23

prospect of the Chelsea international brigade sampling sticks of Blackpool rock and dodgy meat pies is perhaps the

image of the round. The 15 Premiership clubs in the second round have all been drawn against lower-division opposition, with no fewer than 12 facing teams from the second and third divisions. Blackpool, of course, are par-

ticularly pleased with the

"It is wonderful for the town to be able to see some of the game's finest players coming to our place. And I'm sure Vialli and the rest will treat us very seriously because they won't want to be embar-

York City, who arguably produced the biggest upset in the competition's history when they defeated Manchester United at this stage last season, have the chance to prove their pedigree once more after being drawn against Everton. Alan Little's side must travel to Goodison Park for the first leg and Little said: "You can bet Everton won't make the mistake of underestimating us after our result against l Inited."

The most intriguing tie of the round sees Birmingham City visit Coventry City in the first leg. It presents the opportunity for the ambitious first division club to visit local rivals in order to measure their progress and their cap-

Euro 96 helps to lift league attendances EARLY-SEASON attendances press officer, said: "The signs in the FA Carling Premiership

and the Nationwide League have risen - with the success of Euro 96 a factor in the surge of interest in the English The Premiership reports a 4.2 per cent increase in supporters at the turnstiles after four rounds of fixtures, with

the influx of leading international players into this country another draw. The Football League, despite being unable to draw on the same kind of big-name signings, reports attendances gates up by 4 per cent in relation to the same period 12

In the Premiership, the gates are already past the I million mark, with 1,127,006 attending at an average of 28,175 per game. This compares with a 27,012 average for the opening four rounds of matches last season and is

months ago.

are very encouraging. I wouldn't like to put Euro 96 in isolation as the reason for gates going up. After all, attendances in the Premier League at the end of 1995-96 were up 30 per cent compared to the inaugural 1992-93 season, but there is no doubt Euro 96 has been a positive factor and I think the new brand of international stars in the Premiership is another reason." ☐ Glasgow and Edinburgh were put on a Coca-Cola Cup collision course last night as the quarter-final draw kept apart the Old Firm of Celtic

Hearts while Rangers will be at home to Hibernian. The last-eight draw at Hampden also threw up a repeat of last season's final between Aberdeen and Dundee, with the first division club managed by Jim Duffy,

and Rangers. Instead, Celtic

travel to Tynecastle to meet

# Brighton not breezy enough for board game

#### CLEMENT FREUD



On Friday

The board is hard and narrow. like the mattress on a single bed in a temperance hotel; the mast is high, the sail transparent and, if the wind blows, there is no reason why a person with decent balance should not engage his feet in the straps provided, hold the mast with one hand and push out the sail in the right direction with the other. Thus will he move across the

After a while they teach you how to tack: not many people master that, which is why the favoured position of an average windsurfer is lying in the water next to his equipment. Competitors under the command of the British Windsurfers' Association are of a different order altogether: they skim across the water, slam and carve-gybe, perform table tops, double loops and more.

The O'Neill and Philips PWA British Windsurfing World Cup takes place at Brighton this week. \$50,000 (about £32,000) in prizemoney, half a hundred contestants from around the globe, two from nearby Shoreham - home village of our No 1 (the world's No 4). Nik Baker, whose younger brother, Ant, competes also.

I met Nik Baker yesterday for a journeyman breakfast in the Grand Hotel, on the promenade: he is 25, wears a diamond stud in his right ear, started windsurfing when he was 12, won the junior championship at 15 - a modest, agreeable man. As there were no Grapenuts on the buffet, I took some stewed figs. Baker asked what they were. They were dead, I told him. Baker ate cornflakes.

The successful windsurfer is over 6ft tall, weighs around 100 kilos and comes from Hawaii or the Canaries, where there is the right weather throughout the year; he has sufficient money to buy the latest sophisticated equipment. Ten years ago boards were 3.8 metres long and weighed 20 kilos. Today 2.5-metre boards weighing 3.5 kilos are commonolace: state he art. Keyla, carbon-fibre, honeycomb sandwich ... different boards stages: circumnavigation of a sixfor different winds and different buoy circuit, downwind slalom and

Nik Baker, the British No I, waits for the wind to reach minimum velocity in Brighton yesterday. Photograph: Andrew Hasson

people. Baker is 5ft 9in, weighs 76 kilos and is sponsored by Fanatic (boards), AKT (sails), Oxbow (clothing), Bok (footwear) and Red Bull (energy drink). I take a sip from his bottle of Red Bull; it tastes of dissolved wine gums, dissolved redwine gums.

"Most of our money goes on planes, hotels and cars, especially on excess baggage: up to \$3,500 on excess baggage flying to Hawaii.

What we make, we spend." I ask why there are not more contests in Britain. It is the weather; Penzance is the best we have. "Good winds, big waves, nice people . . . "but Hawaii and the Canaries are the Rolls-Royce locations, the world championship heats in Gran Canaria and Tenerife the most valuable and ious. A race consists of t

riding waves — this last discipline is On the credit side, the outcome is missing at Brighton, where the sea is

On Wednesday, when the winds finally reached the minimum required nine-knot velocity. Anders Bringdal, sailing a new-design boat with a glider-wing shaped sail, beat

Competitive windsurfing in Britain is a waiting game. The Mexicans have a saying: "A man can drink only so many Margueritas". Here, there is no limit to our wait for requisite winds. Kick-off was originally billed

### 'For a journalist with a deadline, indoor windsurfing might be just the thing

5in, 95 kilos, world No 2. The master who towers over this sport as Steffi Graf commands hers is Biorn Dunkerbeck, of Holland, winner of the World Cup for eight successive heat: an event without Dunkerbeck is Wednesday." like a puppet show without Punch.

Nik Baker. Bringdal is Swedish -- 6ft for IOam. By noon they announced it would not be long now; at Ipm they thought it would be right by two and at 2.30 a man said: "If there is no more wind, ever, Baker will be overall runner-up by irtue of his second place

been put down 500 metres from shore diminished and the buoys were relocated and I went to examine a sail, from adjustable head to downhaul, pausing to admire the boom cut-out, foot-baton, tensioner, clew,

And I picked up a magazine and read a report on indoor windsurfing: a row of large fans placed down one side of a flooded stadium. At 3.30pm, after some 30 minutes of fevered toing and fro-ing, the contestants sailed their first course: all 50 of them, and Baker won. As we leant forward to witness the slalom, the public address system told us that winds had dropped to five to seven knots: please wait for further announcements.

And I thought that if a journalist windsurfing, the indoor version The wind on the course that had might be just the thing.

# BOXING: CHAMPION HEEDS LESSONS OF THE PAST IN EFFORT TO TAME TYSON

# Triples winner falls foul of single sting

**BOWLS** 

By DAVID RHYS JONES

IRENE MOLYNEUX, who ton to win the All-England skipped the City and County of Oxford to the triples title in the Double Century English women's championships at Learnington Spa on Wednesday, went out of the singles in the preliminary round after

being stung by a bee. She had to go to hospital for treatment during her match with Sue Lee, of North Walsham. They had to saw my wedding ring off my finger, and pump me with antibiotics." Molyneux said. But I can't blame the bee sting for putting me out of the championship because Sue was already a few shots in front and, even if I had won, I doubt if I would have made it

to the final." Kath Hawes, who is carrying the Oxford club's hopes in the quarter-finals today, is, at 27, almost 50 years younger than Molyneux, but has the same stance and delivery, having modelled herself on redoubtable club

colleague in 1994. Hawes teamed up with Howard Watts and the husband and wife partnership of Gary and Jackie Harring-

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WORD-WATCHING

(c) Crested or tufted, a Scottish version of topped. Chiefly in the collocation the tappit hen. A hen having a crest or topknot. A drinking-vessel having a lid with a knob, specifically one containing a Scotch quart. Walter Scott, Waverley, 1814: "A huge pewter measuring-pot, containing at least three English quarts, familiarly denominated a tappit hen."

(b) To anoint, chiefly Scottish. From unci- the participle stem of the Latin ungere, unguere to smear. "David having reigned 33 years in Jerusalem, where he was the third time uncted."

(a) A foolish, senseless or thoughtless girl or woman. Mainly Scottish. An idle tawpie is a slattern. Probably from the Norse, cf. the Norwegian taap a half-witted person, chiefly of women. Robert Burns, Verses at Seliark, 1787: "Gawkies, tawpies, gowks

(a) Confined to the shade or retirement; retired, secluded. From the Latin umbra a shade, umbraticus shaying in the shade. Also shadowy, foreshadowing. De Quincey, Tair's Magazine, 1839: "The torpid dreams of what the Romans called an umbratic

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mixed fours title. Now, she and Harrington are in line to meet in the semi-finals.

First, however, Harrington will have to beat the 1993 champion, Dorothy Prior, of Hewell, and Hawes has to overcome Maureen Ecrles, of Seascale, who scored a memorable 21-20 victory over Norma May, the 1987 champion. vesterday.

Mary Price, the 1988 singles champion, is still going strong in singles and fours. Her 21-18 second-round win over Gill Fitzgerald in the singles avenged her defeat by the Kettering Lodge player in the Champion of Champions singles event last week.

Also catching the eye in the fours is the 17-year-old Lincolnshire skip, Amy Gowshall, who has already played in three junior international

She faced a stern test from a Carlton Conway quartet, skipped by Brenda Atherton, next year's England president. and came through with flying colours, winning 20-15.

Results, page 38

# Seldon plans service with a smile

From Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent, in las vegas

Bruce Seldon, who has been knocked out in one round by Riddick Bowe, will be able to do much better against Mike Tyson when they meet at the MGM Grand Garden here tomorrow. The World Boxing Association (WBA) champion believes, however, that he can emulate James "Buster" Douglas and become the second man to beat Tyson. Seldon has studied film of

Douglas's bout with Tyson and intends to follow the Douglas plan of "stay calm, and stick to your game."
It might sound like the kind

of advice that Captain Mainwaring gave to his men, but Seldon fully intends to stick to it. "When Tyson gets in there, I'm going to be smil-ing," he said. "You are going to see the biggest smile on my

Seldon is hoping to find the strength to carry out his strategy from the memory of his mother. Joan, who died

IT IS hard to believe that 54, "I have never forgotten her," Seldon said. "I speak to her every day, in the morning and at night, and

she gives me strength. Her memory and that of my trainer, Carmen Graziano, who died four years ago, will sustain me. They are with me in spirit. They'd be proud of me now." Douglas, remem-



Seldon: disciplined

fish while spawning - but

rainbows are an imported.

British lake environment. The

close season for rainbow trout

in rivers, where some fish

have been able to breed, is not

changed. Likewise the close

season for the native brown

rods an angler may use at one

time will cause no stir in the

game-fishing world, but may

upset some coarse fishermen. Salmon and trout anglers will

be limited to the use of one

Plans to limit the number of

trout is unaffected.

three years ago at the age of ber, claimed that a similar straight back to Atlantic City kind of maternal motivation lay behind his fleeting moment of glory.

Seldon knows he caused his mother pain by taking part in an armed robbery in his home town of Atlantic City, New Jersey, at the age of 16 and spending the next four years in prison. "It killed her." he said. "I told myself I had to do something positive to make up for it, to make up for all the

tears she shed over me." Seldon disciplined himself by joining the prison boxing team and won the New Jersey prison title. When he came up for parole, he found that the head of the board was a boxing fan who decided to give Seldon his chance.

Seldon's mother saw her son make amends by setting out on his boxing career. He built a creditable record of 31 wins out of 32 contests before she died. When he won the WBA title last year, by stopping Tony Tucker, he went and spent two hours by his mother's graveside. "I would have loved her to have been there," he said. "There will always be pain, but I think it

has made me stronger." Many experts believe that he will need more than just his mother's memory to look Tyson in the face and keep his nerve. Seldon's manager, Rocco DePersia, an Atlantic City attorney, disagrees. "He went into the New Jersey penal system at the age of 16, a boy among animals. He came out a man. Tyson is not going to intimidate him on a person-

al basis," After the defeat by Bowe in 1991, Seldon almost gave up boxing but his promise to his mother kept him going. Of the disparaging odds for Saturday - Tyson 12-1 on to win on a knockout, Seldon 25-1 to win DePersia said: "Don't talk to me about odds. When he was 15, you couldn't get odds he would be alive today."

# FISHING: FRESHWATER PROPOSALS INCLUDE UNIVERSAL BANNING OF GAFFS

# Plans put rod numbers on the line

BY BRIAN CLARKE

THE Environment Agency will advertise plans next week to change fishery bylaws in ways that will affect every freshwater angler in England and Wales. They include proposals to abolish the close season for rainbow trout on lakes and to impose limits on the number of rods which anglers may use at one time. The use of gaffs anywhere would be banned.

The proposals are part of a move to provide a common set of rules to replace the hotchpotch of regulations inherited from the old water authorities in 1989. The plans will be advertised from next Wednesday for public comment. Significant changes are unlikely, though.

The affect of the abolition of a close season for rainbow trout would be to introduce,

at a time — a pefectly feasible one — may well, however, for the first time, year-round fishing for trout on all lakes. It is a logical step. Close seasons produce protests from tradifor fish were first introduced tionalists. The four-rod limit comes as over 100 years ago. Their aim was to prevent harassment of

a response to special pleading by specimen-hunters, anglers who will pursue, perhaps, a couple of known big fish in a large expanse of water. They farm-reared species that has never been able to spawn in a say that, even with four rods apiece, their chances of making contact will be slim. Traditionalists, though, are likely to argue that four rods are too many for any angler to use safely, that there is a danger of simultaneous bites on more than one rod and that, on small waters, one man with four rods could commandeer the scene. They will see trouble in store unless fishery owners step in and

md on rivers and two rods on apply lower limits. A range of other changes A proposal to allow coarse are proposed, including refishers to use up to four rods strictions on the kinds of nets

used to land fish and to keep them. Knotted and metallic nets would be banned and keepnets would need to be not less than two metres long. All of these proposals are designed to minimise damage to fish and in the main will be welcomed.

A change that will be greeted with relief - many anglers have felt it to be long overdue — is a proposal to abolish the gaff, one of the oldest of fishing implements known to man. The gaff is a large, sharp hook on the end of a long shaft. It has been used for thousands of years - more recently by poachers — for snatching fish from the water. For hundreds of years it has also been used by some anglers to land big fish such as pike and salmon. Most anglers, though, now

regard the instrument as barbaric and unnecessary.

# Keeping taith with Boz

The Classic Serial: Dombey and Son. Radio 4, 2.00pm.

Michael Bakewell has pulled it off again. He is an old hand at putting Dickens on radio, always with respect for the inimitable Boz. Naturally, something has to be cut out, but Bakewell uses a scalpel not a butcher's chopper. His six-part adaptation of Dombey and Son has begun very well indeed. Already in episode one, we have reached the point where "and Son" gazes wistfully out to sea, wondering what the wild waves are saying. From this, you can deduce what a lot Bakewell has packed into 60 minutes. One or two things give morphlems. Samuel West's Walter Gay sounds too mature. More worryingly, the ice in the soul of Dickens's Dombey Senior, is audibly thawing in Ian Hogg's. thawing in Ian Hogg's.

Mad About Musicals. Radio 2, 7.00pm.

The madness of the title is something I have happily been affliced with all my life. Therefore, this stage musicals quiz is right up my (42nd) street. Breaking with tradition, the contestants are all amateurs. Clearly, one reason they put up such a good show is that some of them have played in the shows about which they answer questions. Inverness play Motherwell and Wishaw in this inaugural contest Paul Nicholas chairman and People O'Keefe, plants' and the ontest. Paul Nicholas, chairman, and Peggy O'Keefe, pianist, are the only professionals involved. The highest compliment I can pay to the amateurs is that I could hardly hear the seams when they are stitched together with the professionals.

#### RADIO 1

FM Stereo 6.30em Dave Pearce 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Lisa l'Anson 2.00pm Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier 7.00 Essential Selection 10.00 One in the Jungle, with Randall recorded live at Tribal Gathering 12.00 Radio 1 Rap Show 3.00em Annie Nightingale 5.00

FMS Stereo. 6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wars Up to Worgan Isabers Thrower 3.00 May Lester 5.05 Paul Heiney 7.00 Mad about Musicals. See Choice 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night. From the Hippodrome in Golders Green. With the BBC Concert Orchestra under Richard Balcombe 8.45 Every Lvving Thing 9.00 Listen to the Band 10.00 Alan Richmarsh Radio 2 Arts Pro-gramme 12.05am Sue McGarry

#### RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme 8.35 The Magazine, with Diena Madill, incl 10.35 News from Europe 12.00 Midday with Mair. inch 12.35pm Moneycheck, with Philippa Lamb 2.05 Rusce on Five 4.00 Nationwide, incl at 5.45 Entertainment News 7.00 News Edna, with David McNell 7.35 Parkinson on Sport 8.30 Friday Sport, with Robin Bailey. Football: Reading v Odord United; Motor racing: reports from the grantice session for the reports from the practice session for the Italian Grand Prix 10.05 Paper Talk, with Jay Rayner and Brian Alexander 11.00 Night Extra 12.05am After Hours 2.05

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6.30em Paul Ross 10.00 Scoli Chis holm 1.00pm Anna Raeburn 3.00 Tommy Boyd 5.00 Peter Deeley 7.00

8.30am Europe Today 5.45 Folk Routes 8.30 Europe Today 8.45 Going Solo 8.50 The Insider's Guide 7.15 The World Today 7.30 Rock Salad 8.15 Off the Shell 8.30 The Way of the Budding 9.15 Shelt 8.30 The Way of the Budding 9.15
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#### CLASSIC FM

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#### VIRGIN RADIO

6.00em Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skimmer 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Horne 7.00 Pauli Coyle (FM) (AM) Robin Banks 10.00 Alan Freeman 12.00 Janey Lee Grace 2.00em Howard Pearce

#### RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Presented by Andrew McGregor. Includes Bach (Trio Soneta in C. BWNS29): Tchaskovsky (Violin Consents in Di. Baussy) Concerto in D); Bauger (Symphony No 18 in B flat); Bach (Trio Sonata in G. (Overture The Creatures of

Includes Haydn (Symphony in G minor); Verdi (Pari Siamo... Figlial Mio Padre!); Janacek

Includes Bach (Symphony in E flat, Op 6 No 5): Beethoven (Sonata in A flat, Op 110); Brahms (Balfade, Op 10 Nos 2, 3 and 4); Ives (The Unanswered Question); Beethoven (Incidental music: Leonore Prohaska); Liszt (Aprés une lecture du Dante);

Pfitzner (Violin Concerto)
12.00 Composers of the Week:
Falla, Gerhard and the

Heritage of Spain 1.00pm News; Bristol Lunchtime Concert: Bartok Pius. Introduced by Chris de Souza, William Dazelev. Souza. William Dazeley, bartone, Juffus Drake, piano. Dvorak (Seven Gypsy Melodies, Op 55); Bartok (Five Songs, Op 16); Kurtag (Three Old Inscriptions, Op 25); Bartok (Three Hungarian Folk Songs) (r) Preoccupations, Featuring

talking about something close to his heart

2.00 Telemann. Douglas Boyd. oboe, Harold Lester, chamber organ, Richard Lester, cello. Telemann (Trio Sonata in E

the oboist Douglas Boyd

2.15 Music Restored, Tomaso Albinoni (Concerto in G for two oboes, Op 9 No 6, Tho Sonata in C, Op 6 No 1; Cantata: Poiche Al Vago serent: (r)

3.00 Mining the Archive. Fiona Talkington talks to friend and fellow musician Sir Neville Marriner about Thurston Dart's versatility as a continuo and solo keyboard performer 5.00 Music Machine, with Tommy

Pearson 5.15 in Tune, Presented by Jeremy Nicholas Includes German (Three Dances, Henry VIII); Chopin (Grand Duo Concertante on themes from Robert le Diable)

Scharwenka (Piano concerto No 1 in B flat minor) 7.30 BBC Proms 1996. Live from the Albert Hall in London. Including Prokofiev's colossal second piano concerto. Debussy (Le Martyre de St Sebastien, excerpts); Prokofiev (Piano Concerto No. 2 in G minor) 8.20 Firebird Memories 8.40 Proms Part 2

Stravinsky (Ballet: The Firebird)

9.50 The Fortunate Cat: Taking the Pulse, with Roy Fisher and Mel Hill (5/5) (r) 10.00 Hear and Now. Param Vir's opera double-bill Snatched by the Gods and Broken Strings With Robert Poulton, Susan Smith, Fioria Kimm and

Sinfonietta, under Markus Sten2 12.00 Composer of the Week: Brahms 1.00am Through the Night, with David Come

Dimbleby chairs the first of a

new series. With David Blunkett, MP, the broadcaster

Bea Campbell, Roger Freeman, MP, and Madsen

Pine, president of the Adam Smith institute 8.50 Speaking as an Expert. In a new series, Laune Taylor tries

to pass himself off as an

9.15 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke 9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature: 50

10.00 The World Tonight, with

10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lusting
10.45 Book at Bedtlime: Enigma. Samuel West reads Robert Harns is thrifer (10/12)
11.00 The Mark Steel Solution. This week Mark Steel lackles pessivism (4/4)
11.25 Tee Junction, with Patrick Harners and cuests.

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11.45 A Cry in the Dark Joanna
Pinnock presents the first of
five programmes about the

calls of nocturnal animals

expert in six different fields This week, he has five days to become a successful poet

Years of the Edinburgh Festival. Paul Allen sees the

closing events of the festival and discusses the contribution the festival has made to the culture of Great Britain (1) 9.59 Weather

Andrew Slater, London

# RADIO 4 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Pick of the Week 8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan

5.55am Shipping (LW only) 6.00
News Briefing 6.10 Farming
Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day
6.30 Today, Incl 7.25, 8.25
Sport 7.45 Thought for the
Day 8.40 Family Life — Birth,
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Thing (5/5) 8.58 Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island
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Conran (r) 9.45 Feedback. The last in the current series
10.00 News; Survivors: Esther's
Story. The story of a woman imprisoned in Sobibor prison
camp, in the heart of Nazooccupied Europe (6/6)
10.30 Woman's Hour
11.30 The Natural History

Programme
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Dylan Winter
12.25pm Over the Counter. Oliver Walston samples sausages and selomi in a Comish setting with Literature Counter.

setting with Huw and Sally Jones (3/4) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One, with Nick 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55

Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; The Classic Serial:
Dombey and Son. See
Choice (1/5) (r)

3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope.
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Rendell about her new book.
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4.45 Short Story: Chocolate
Lover, by Lesky Glasster
Reader Noren Kershaw (r)

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast

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6.00 Stx. O'Clock News

6.30 Parkes and Gardens. Simon
Parkes visits a very special
garden in Devon (4/6)

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Adrian Barnett interprets the
night-time calls of the world's
only nocturnal morkey and
the local vampire bats
12.00 News incl 12.27am Weather
12.30 The Late Book: Some Kind
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# Big, blonde and back where she belongs

etitia Dean was born for the 1950s. She has that wide wiggle of those statuesque hips.

Now the magic of television has ⊿1950s face, she has that voluptuous 1950s figure, reminiscent of late Monroe or early Dors. and when she opens that painted, Cupid's bow mouth all sorts of 1950s phrases tumble forth quite naturally. "All right, ducks?" she asks and none of us thinks any the worse of her for it. Ducks?

The tragedy is, of course, that Dean was born not among petticoats and puntygirdles but among the platform boots and tank-tops of the 1970s. If that wasn't misfortune enough, her screen incarnation then spent her formative years behind, and occasionally under, the bar of the Queen Vic. being successively left by her father, her mother and her dog. In the end, Sharon got the message and launched her own pre-emptive exit. "Cheer up Grant, it may never happen." she said and swept out of EastEnders with a valedictory a small group of shiny, red

put Dean back where she belongs, slap bang in the middle of the 1950s (in truth, rather more towards the end) and slap bang in the middle of her own series. The Hello Girls (BBC!). They both look fabulous. As Chris Cross (alliteration ruled even then, apparently). Dean gets to do big

blonde hair and to teeter down a

lot of corridors in impossibly high

heels, tugging at impossibly tight

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skirts and adjusting a lot of impossibly complicated but wellconcealed underwear. As the 1950s, the exteriors and sets also did a very passable impersonation. Cars of appropriare vintage rolled very slowly into and out of shot, presumably so the producers felt they were getting value for money. Every now and then they'd go mad and blow a

week's budget on a vintage bus or

telegram boys, complete with shiny, red motorcycles, "Ah tele-grams," we all said wistfully, looking around for someone to tell they were probably too young to remember them.

Nobody, however, was too young to follow the plot of this undernanding period confection. It was the first day at Derby's telephone exchange for Sylvia Sands (Amy Marston) who, at a not very sweet 16, had a lot to live up to. Her sister Joy, as the two fearsome supervisors reminded her, had made it to the quarterfinals of the GPO operator of the year competition.

hat else? This being the 1950s. Chris went dancing at lunchtime, as you did, and met the sort of chap who, if I'm not mistaken, had trouble written all over his face. As for Sylvia, she had communist propaganda to distribute on behalf of REVIEW



her high-minded but love-struck schoolboy admirer, Rick (Daniel Newman). "Not really a boyfriend, she explained to Chris, "more a comrade."

Back at Albert Square, Dean's former screen husband was redistributing a little wealth in East-Enders (BBCI), donating the £20 he had improbably won as first prize in the Queen Vic's limbo competition to Pauline's playground fund. This took her aback. as until then she had been harbouring rather unkind thoughts about Grant. Can't think why.

Pauline (Wendy Richard) had also been harbouring some rather unwise thoughts for one of the few original EastEnders. You would think, after all these years of wallto-wall misery, she would know better than to sit back in a state of post-playground euphoria and announce brightly: "You know what Mark, I think it's going to be all right now." No. we shouted, don't

I know we've had some rotten things happen in the past, but it's all behind us now." I was reminded of the rabbit sitting in the middle of the road wondering what treats those two bright beams of light foretold. Something to eat perhaps?

It didn't take long, but then in Albert Square it never does. Two scenes later Mark announced that as: "Will told Maureen, Billy's ex-

the building society was about to repossess his house, while a couple of Pina Coladas later it was lan's turn finally to discover the awful truth about Cindy and David. So much for the Oracle of Wolford.

host of similar accents was employed later, to far less effect, in Murder Squad (ITV), yet another of those interminable series where documentary cameras follow real, live policemen around. Despite the title (Murder of an Unknown Man). half the East End seemed to know Billy Jones, the scrap metal man whose body was found in a burntout van in Essex. The other half knew who had murdered him. This was the less-than-exciting story of how the police brought the two together and got their man.

It was hard slog for the police and even harder work for us, who had to wrestle with sentences such

wife, that a feller called Scotch Tony had heard from someone called Billy Boynton that he'd seen a body down at Ferry Lane." Actually it was his nephew Carl. but you get the general idea. Always nice to see Jancis Robin-

son back on television, but The Food Chain (BBC2) was a disappointment. Robinson's measured tones are currently in great demand for narrating other people's documentaries (remember The House?) which is good news for her bank balance but not such good news for the authority of her own programmes, such as this predictable look at the modern food industry. Worse, much of what was covered last night - food policy in the postwar years - was driven style by the splendid A Slice of Life, shown by the same channel just nine months ago. Next week, supermarkets. Sorry Jancis, but A Slice of Life did that too.

#### 6.00am Business Breakfast (36612) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (67983) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (8893709)

9.20 Style Challenge (9350083) 9.45 Kilroy (1508709) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (43728)

11.00 News, Regional News (Ceefax) and 11.05 FILM: Perry Mason: The Case of the

Desperate Deception (1990). With Raymond Burr and Barbara Hale. Directed by Christian I Nyby II (55998780) 12.50pm Mary Berry's Ultimate Cakes

(19357815) 1.00 News (Ceefax) (60070) 1.30 Regional News (45540419)

1.40 Neighbours. (s) (32818438) 2.00 Call My Bluff (s) (6476631) 2.35 Turnabout (s) (1012709)

3.00 CHORE Peter Seabrook's Gardening Week. A practical guide. with Helen Yemm (6780)

3.30 The Animals of Farthing Wood (8966051) 3.55 The All New Popeye Show (8375490) 4.15 To Me...to You (7892051) 4.40 Grange Hill (7374780) 5.00 Newsround (r) (7109902) 5.10 Record Breakers (r) (Ceefax) (s)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (850148) 6.00 News (Ceelax) and weather (235)

6.30 Regional news magazines (S15) 7.00 CHOICE Muppets Tonight! The return of Kermit and Miss Piggy (134693)

7.25 Top of the Pops (309696) 8.00 Safe and Sound: Snookered, Comedy

series about two men who find the path to true love paved with obstacles (Ceefax) 8.30 Keeping Up Appearances. Richard is

not exactly overloyed with his birthday present (r) (Ceefax) (s) (6544) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News (7254) SHOICE Pangerness as the police path-

ologist. Paul Dangerfield (Ceefax) (s) 10.20 Parkinson: the Interviews: L Dawson, Michael Parkinson plunders the archives for memorable interviews. This week he recalls trying to compose himself during three interviews with Les Dawson

(Ceefax) (s) (600525) 11.00 The Secrets of the X Files (s) (811099) 11.35 FILM: Nightbreaker (1989) A made-fortelevision drama, with father and son team Martin Sheen and Emilio Esteve: playing the same character. A scientist involved with the American nuclear projects in the 1950s finds his past comes back to haunt him. Directed by

Peter Markle (457196) 1.10 FILM: War of the Colossal Beast (1958) Sequel to The Amazing Colossal Itian The oversized hero is alive but not well, his tage and his mind are a mess and lead to an inevitable, low-budget rampage With Sally Fraser, Roger Pace. Dean Parkin, Russ Bender and Charles Stewart, Directed by Bert I. Gordon

2.15am-2.20 Weather (5678823)

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7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (8915438) 7.30 Alvin and the Chipmunks (9267728) 7.55 White Fang (2419964) 8.20 Secret Life of Toys (6303631) 8.35 Lassie

9.00 Blitz on Cartooning (45186) 9.30 Today's Gourmet (8444065) 9.55 Open View (3004099) 10.00 Playdays (3081148) 10.25 On the Road Again (3084235) 10.55 A Question of Sport's Golden Oldies (1924709)

11.25 Fences (6027780) 12.15pm Young Man and His Dog (2049964) 1.00 The Perfect Pickle Programme (68612) 1.30 Working Lunch (52964) 2.00 Secret Life of Toys (50375235)

2.15 FILM: Rising Son (1990) The strained relationship between a father recently made redundant and his listless sor Directed by John David Coles (575273) 3.55 News (Ceefax) (4026438) 4.00 Today's the Day (728) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (612) 5.00 Esther (6167) 5.30

Going, Going, Gone (964) 6.00 Gower's Cricket Special. David Gower looks ahead to tomorrow's NatWest trophy final between Essex and Lancashire at Lord's (877)

6.30 The Munsters (957159) 6.55 FILM: Far Country (1955) with James Stewart. Classic Western. A cowboy's dream of peace and prosperity in the Canadian gold towns is dashed when a crooked lawman steals his herd of cattle

Anthony Mann (34963341) 8.30 Gardeners' World. Alan Titchmarsh introduces a chance to see again some of the highlights from this year's series



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9.00 Bottom: Finger With Rik Mayall (5896) 9,30 Pulp Video (73457)

10.00 The Fall Guy. Danny Brown takes up the challenge to give practical jokers a taste of their own medicine (26051) 10.30 Newsnight (Ceelax) (924877)

11.15 The Larry Sanders Show (Ceetax) 11.40 Seinfeld. With Jerry Seinfeld (465419)

12.05am Grace under Fire (1133113) 12.30 FiLM: La Boulangère de Monceau (1962) with Barbet Schroeder. A student falls in love at first sight with a girl he sees in the street. Directed by Eric Rohmer

12.55 FILM: La Carrière de Suzanne (1963) with Catherine See. Two conceiled young men toy with the affections of a young girl. Directed by Eric Rohmer (1951649) Ends

Peter Seabrook's Gardening Week BBC1, 2.00pm

CHOICE

This new entrant to the BBCI daytime schedule was to have been hosted by Geoff Hamilton, moving to an afternoon slot as the current run of Gardeners' World came to an end. But Hamilton, that most friendly of gardening presenters, sadly died last month. In his place steps Peter Seabrook, a television veteran who succeeded the legendary Percy Thrower on Gardeners' World back in the 1970s and was a regular guide to the Chelsea Flower Show. Since then Seabrook has been little seen on British screens, but for 20 years he has worked on a gardening magazine in the United States. Seabrook is joined for this new series by the stern Helen Yemm of Gardening From Scratch for a programme which promises to offer straightforward practical advice, delivered in an unhurried style and without gimmicks.

Muppets Tonight

BBC1, 7.00pm The Muppets have been going for so long (more than 20 years, if you count their appearances on Sesame Street) and so successfully that you would not expect many changes now. Nor are there. True, new puppers have appeared alongside the eternal Kermit and Miss Piggy, but the putting-on-a-show format still allows for a raft of acts and the ritual mock humilation of a human guest star. Tonight it is the turn of Michelle Pfeiffer, playing Julie Andrews in The Sound of Music. The level of zest and invention remains generally high, though a send-up of Baywatch falters because it is difficult to parody something that is already in that area. Far more original is a number involving a line of dancing cheeses, while a history of the world as told by Elvis Presley

Dangerfield

Regular viewers of the police-cum-medical new characters in this third series, not to mention the recasting of existing ones. And the pretty Warwickshire countryside has been mysteriously dropped from the opening credit sequence. Does this portend a darker trent sequence. Does this portent a darker tone to what has been a relatively undistressing show? At least nothing has changed for Nigel Le Vaillant's Dangerfield. He is still juggling his two jobs, GP and police doctor, trying to cope with the death of his wife (even though it happened seven years ago) and being exasperated by his two truculent children. Tonight's scenario, by crossfire between the chief constable and a hostile councillor. A shade implausible it may be, but you have to keep watching.

Friends: The One After the Superbowl

Channel 4, 9,30pm Julia Roberts has made so many bad films recently that an appearance on one of America's most popular sit-coms could be a smart move. Brooke Shields, Chris Isaak and Jean Claude Van Damme may be less in need of a career boost but they, too, turn up n this one-hour special, originally screene after the Superbowl in January, and gained the show's highest ratings. It says much for the agility of the writers that these highprofile guests can be worked into the format vithout strain. Addicts of the series will want to know that Roberts's contribution is to humiliate Chandler (Matthew Perry) in what the Americans call the bathroom. Van Damme unwittingly sets Rachel Jennifer Aniston) against Monica (Courteney Cox) while Shields persists in identifying Joey (Matt Leblanc) with the doctor he plays in the soap opera.

6.00am GMTV (9319631)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (8700344) 9.55 Regional News (3091525) 10.00 The Time...the Place (s) (2962273) 10.30 This Morning (64794709)

12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (7474964) 12.30 ITN News (Teletext) (2588099)

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5.10 A Country Practice (s) (4023916) 5.40 ITN News (Teletext) (309099) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s)

6.25 Regional News (Teletext) (141916) 7.00 Lucky Numbers (Teletext) (s) (3457) 7.30 Coronation Street (Teletext) (167) 8.00 The Bill: Repossession. A petrol can, a lighter and a desperate man threatening

to burn down a house. Can Conway talk him round? (Teletext) (9877) 8.30 Strange but True? Encounters. Michael Aspel presents more stories with a paranormal twist. Witnesses tell of thes encounters with a mysterious creature lurking off the Comish coast. And, also in

Comwall, the programme looks at the work of a man who is being kept busy as an official Church of England exorcist (Teletext) (s) (1612)



9.00 Bramwell (r) (Teletext) (s) (6803) 10.00 ITN News at Ten and weather (Teletext) (20877)

10.40 Xaos Party (2154542)

12.10 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: Incident in a Small Jail. A traveling salesman is alled for jaywiking in a stange town. He becomes embroiled in a plot to get revenge on a murderous cellmate

12.40 Funny Business (3532552)

1.15 The Good Sex Guide... Late (4350194) 2.20 FILM: So Proudly We Hail (1989) Drama suurounding the plight of a professor who begins to question the white supremacst group he has been seduced into supporting. With Edward Herman and David Soul. Directed by Lionel Chetwynd (630858)

4,00 Not Fade Away with Sharron Davies and Derek Redmond (18668) 5.00 Best of British Motor Sport (57113) 5.30 ITN Morning News (42194)

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6.00 Hangin' with Mr Cooper (Teletext) (s) (847235) 6.25 Roseanne (r) (Teletext) (s) (855254) 6.55 Terrytoons (618070) 7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather

7.55 Book Choice (Teletext) (s) (475612)

8.00 Garden Party. Tom Barber and the team meet the owner. Uta Humphreys, whose expertise with rare plants means that her garden doesn't suffer from the traditional August Iuli that can leave a garden looking tired (7419) 8.30 Brookside. Sammy fights back against

the Brookside gossips. Leo and Gemma face up to their future, while Nat and Georgia are torced to make a decision (Teletext) (s) (9254) 9.00 Cybill: Three Women and a Dummy.

Maryann treats Ira to the date of a lifetime Zoey treats Sean badly; while Cybill talks to a waiter. With Cybill Shepherd and Christine Baranski (Teletext) (s) (7344)



Julia Roberts Joins Friends (9.30pm)

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involved with Indians lighting an oppressive general. Directed by Tom Gries (777167) 1.05am Dancehall Vibes. Sound systems in nvalry: Birmingham v Jamaica (7108129) 1.55 FILM: Aphrodite Goddess of Love (1957) with Isabelle Corey and Ivo Garrani. Toga and torso epic, set in 1stcentury Rome A sculptor talls for a beautiful young Christian, his model for a statue of Aphrodite. Directed by Marc Bonnard. In Italian with English subtitles

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# Five nations step back from the brink



Dallaglio: good base

YESTERDAY could have been the day when England received marching orders from rugby union's five nations' championship. Instead, the most famous of competi-tions was saved "for the foreseeable future" in what must be deemed the most encouraging moment for the sport in a year filled with bitterness.

Though he resisted the

temptation to wave a piece of paper in the air and announce Peace in our time," Colin Herridge could not resist a weary smile when he announced an accord between the five nations - aptly enough at the Rugby Club in London where the game's best-known almanack, the Rothmans Rugby Union Yearbook, was being launched.

Herridge, the Rugby Foot-ball Union (RFU) treasurer, day to make a decision on day to make a decision on their relationship with Engwas entitled to be weary. He was one of the union negotiat-ing team, alongside John land but that meeting was postponed until Monday, Richardson, the president, when a four-nation tournament would have been and Cliff Brittle, the chairman of the executive committee. announced.

The dispute had its roots in England's broadcasting agreement with BSkyB, the satellite company part-owned by News International, owners of The Times. Herridge said the other unions recognised that agreement, worth £87.5 million over five years, to be legally binding and that it remained in place. There must be speculation as to whether the Celtic nations have also accepted the money on offer from BSkyB - £40.5 million to Wales and £28 million each to Scotland and Ireland, which recognises the relative playing strength of each nation.



CHAMPIONSHIP

It is understood that yesterday's accord will leave the ten championship games equally divided between terrestrial television and BSkyB, and that the money to be equally divided between the four home unions will amount to around £9 million a year each. The existing contract with the BBC, which expires next March, is worth £2.38 million to Scotland, Ireland and Wales, England's £4.25 mil-lion being boosted by a satellite contribution. The Celts have stood on two points of principle: the first,

that the five nations is a joint property and can only be sold the competing countries (the French were kept informed of the Bristol meeting) acting in conjunction. The second, the desirability or otherwise of a virtual monopoby one broadcaster of significant rugby throughout the world. BSkyB is also an associate company of News Corporation, who last year negotiated a ten-year agreement with the major southern-

hemisphere countries. All four home unions desperately need cash to develop their sport and pay players in the newly-professionalised game, and satellite television

than any terrestrial broadcaster. Tony Hallett, the RFU secretary, said yesterday: BSkyB is not all bad, there is much to be gained from them

take a strong place not only in the five nations but in world rugby," he said.

Hailett acknowledged the damage done to the sport's image this year by a series of rows in which the RFU has been embroiled - with the other home unions, with their own leading clubs and inter-

nally. His hope is that success

on one front will now lead to

an unravelling of the other

and the money allows us to

knotty problems. Epruc and the leading Welsh clubs threatened last week to break away from their governing body, but Hallett added:"I believe we will find a solution which keeps the se-

That may also depend upon the players, who supported the clubs by staying away from England's training session at Bisham Abbey on Wednesday. That was not a snub to the RFU but an indication that we needed to find out where we stand," Lawrence Dallaglio, the Wasps captain and a leading candidate for the Eng-

land position, said. "We welcome the news about the five nations. It would be a shame to lose the historic tradition the championship has, but that is only a basis from which we should move on. It's a sound basis and the envy of other countries but if we are to win the World Cup we have to beat the best in

Gerald Davies, page 38

# Unemployment benefits are on Hill's mind

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN MONZA

DAMON HILL gazed out beyond the banks of cameras, the howling questioners and the observers perched precariously on stools and benches, and contemplated life after Williams here vesterday. He talked about the team as if it was a family whose father figure had told him to leave home. "On reflection," he said, "maybe it is time I flew the

Hill looked strained but far from downcast as he spoke for the first time about the moment Frank Williams, the team owner, rang him last Wednesday to tell him that his services would not be required next season. He had thought his lead in the world champ-ionship this year, at present 13 points, was the face up his sleeve", but he found to his dismay that it amounted to nothing more than a losing

He emphasised, though, that Williams's ruthless decision had only increased the determination to clinch the title that has eluded him in his previous three years at Wil-

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8 "John — was a citizen"

9 Grab: part of shirt (6)

10 Have esteem for (6)

13 A cat; a silk fabric (5)

15 Add alcohol to (drink) (4)

17 Lighters: gets narrower (6)

18 Nine-day prayer cycle (6)

19 Commemorative tablet:

tooth film (6)

20 Capture in snare (6)

21 In any place (that) (8)

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liams. "I have had assurances from Frank that I will receive equal treatment to Jacques Villeneuve over the last three races," Hill said. "All this has done is increase my motiva-tion to win the champ-

His answers, though, left many aspects of the events of the past week unexplained. He hinted at reasons for his dismissal that left them lingering in the air and refused to be drawn about his likely desti-



Frentzen: bewildered

1 Deeply religious (6)

4 Tall and too thin (7)

6 Ballet girl (Fr.) (S)

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13 Inflict great pain (on) (7)

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(Horse) make top speed (6)

TIMESTWO

CROSSWORD

nation for next season. Ferrari was ruled out yesterday by Jean Toot, the team's sporting director, and Benetton are emerging as a more likely new home, with McLaren, Jordan and Stewart Grand Prix all possibilities. "There is no danger of me being out of work,"

who burnt the midnight oil in

Bristol alongside Tom

Kieman and Syd Millar (Ire-

land), Vernon Pugh (Wales) and Alan Hosie (Scotland) to

resolve the three-month dis-pute during which Scotland, Ireland and Wales proposed

the expulsion of England from

the championship.

The precise detail of their agreement will not be known

before Monday, at a press conference in Dublin, but it

still requires the approval of

the respective national com-

mittees - those of England

and Scotland meet today, the

Welsh met vesterday. The four

Predictably, but wisely, he was the soul of diplomacy, refusing to indulge in overcriticism of the man on whom he depends for the maintenance of his title challenge. He echoed the words of his manager, Michael Breen, when he insisted that money was not the reason behind the split with the team for whom he has won 20 grands prix in 64

Williams had given him an

beieve I turned myself round myself the leading driver and my view was that the reward for winning the races I have won should have been the opportunity to drive for Williams and have the best

equipment. races in my career here and if I

explanation, he said, but he did not want to disclose it. There was increasing speculation here yesterday, though, that Williams's courting of the German driver, Heinz-Harald Frentzen, Hill's replacement, may be linked to the prospect of BMW joining the team as an engine partner when Renault leave the sport at the end of next year.

"I am disappointed," Hill said. "I would not say I could be anything other than that. I over the winter and made

"I have every reason to believe that Frank and Patrick Head, the team's technical directors, were extremely happy with my driving all season. I have had many reactions from them which would suggest they were not only impressed, but also astonished, at the way I have been driving. I have won 20

Hill was in demand at Monza yesterday, when he talked about his imminent departure from Williams. Photograph: Marc Aspland have won 23 by the time I leave, I would consider that a bloody good score. "But at least this will open

up a lot of opportunities. I started here as a test driver and I have grown in the six years I have been with the team, but now I have the opportunity to explore other teams and help develop a winning car somewhere else. I have done so much to-ing and fro-ing in the last ten days, I feel like I have been to Mars fore Hill started talking. Frentzen said he had only signed for Williams earlier this week but fuelled rumours that the deal had been set in motion as long as a year ago by admitting that he and Williams had maintained "close contact" since 1994, when the team owner tried to persuade him to join Williams as a replacement for Ayrton

capable of going quicker than Schumacher. He was his equal in German Formula 3 and also in the Mercedes junior tearn, when they competed in sportscars. Five years ago, though, Schumacher's career took off and Frentzen's stagnated, meandering its way through Japanese F3000 before landing the Formula One drive he now occupies

with Sauber. Yesterday, the Italian media

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# England 'injured' inquiry

THE Football Association will explore the possibility of a rule change, preventing players who withdraw from international duty from competing for up to a week after the fixture. The move comes after four players competed for their clubs three days after injury prevented them from appearing for England against Mol-

Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, was said to have "raised his eyebrows" when he saw that Steve McManaman and Robbie Fowler were in the starting line-up for Liverpool against Coventry on Wednesday, Steve Howey was playing for Newcastle United, and Darren Anderton for Tottenham Hotspur.

It is the case of Anderton, in particular, which has alarmed Hoddle and his backroom team. The winger withdrew from the England party with an apparently long-term injury. Yet he was straight back into Premiership action with

frontation with clubs.

Wednesday evening. A spokesman said there had

Coca-Cola Cup draw, page 41

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Senna after the Brazilian was killed at Imola. wanted to know everything "I have been waiting for this CALLS. chance for a long, long time." Frentzen said. "I think I can and back." about him, his hobbies his Frentzen, who looked bewilinterests. "I enjoy watching dered by the attention that was handle the pressure. I imagine soccer," he said. "I am a lavished on him from the Frank signed me because he Borussia Mönchengladbach fan, so I spend a lot of time moment he arrived at Milan wants me to beat Schumacher keeping my fingers crossed."

Now that logic has let him down, for Hill, too, superstiairport yesterday morning, next year." including a German television Frentzen, at last, has the crew that shadowed his every Destination First Telecon Seve % opportunity to prove what the move held his own press tion may be the word as he contemplates his future. experts have always said conference here an hour bethat he is the only man £1.18 \$3.80 69% £7.29 \$12.70 Atherton to £1.65 57% Australia £2.23 \$5.90 62% lead twin South Africa £4.70 **S8.20** 43% By DAVID MADDOCK Germany/France £2.11 Ω2.96 29% winter tours Tottenham. It has privately that clubs must start working towards placing a greater importance on the internation-Nigeria annoyed Hoddle, and he has £7.05 \$11.05 35% demanded some action. MICHAEL ATHERTON, of Hong Kong £4.11 44% **Ω7.30** al side. Ideally, he said, he The England manager, Lancashire, was yesterday rehowever, realises that he can wants to arrive at a position appointed as England cricket captain for this winter's tours Pakistan £9.16 \$12.60 27% not afford to antagonise club where the FA Carling Preto Zimbabwe and New Zea-land. If Atherton, 28, plays in managers just one game into his reign as national team miership puts the England team ahead of the clubs. (Price comparison based on a 10 minute call) coach, and he will adopt a The FA revealed yesterday all five Tests on the tours, he will start next season only one

gentle approach when querying the situation with Tottenharn and Liverpool. A spokesman for the FA stressed that there would be no con-

A Lancaster Gate insider Hoddle is determined to ensure that his future squads are not affected by injuries which are miraculously cured soon after the international. The rule change has been put on the agenda within the FA, and is likely to be discussed at the next meeting of the International Committee. Hoddle prefers not to com-

ment on the situation, but he

made clear his position earlier

in the week, when he stressed

that it is unlikely to take any action over allegations made by Vinnie Jones, the Wimbledon midfield player, that Anderton spat at him during the Premiership fixture on

been no complaints and that the incident had not been in the referee's report. The mat-ter would be treated, he added, as a routine red card offence. Jones claimed he responded by lashing out at Anderton after he was spat upon. The Tottenham winger has said that any incident was an accident -- he had no intention of spitting at Jones.

Ageless Gooch, page 40

match short of the England

captaincy record. Peter May led the side on 41 occasions.

are delighted Mike has ac-

cepted the offer to captain England this winter." Ray-

mond Illingworth, chairman

of the selection panel, said.

Since taking over from Gra-

ham Gooch. Atherton has

scored 2,892 Test runs at an

average of 47.40. There seems

no reason, other than back

problems which afflict him

from time to time, why Ather-

ton should not break the

record against Australia next

"The selectors and myself

IN PARIS AND

MICHAEL BINYON

FRANCE last night refused to

help in patrolling the extended

"no-fly" zone over southern

lraq but agreed to continue

policing areas previously de-

clared off-limit to Iraqi air-craft, as the post-Gulf War coalition showed further signs

After a meeting between Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State,

and President Chirac, Paris

veillance missions in both

northern and southern Iraq

would continue, but that

French planes would not fly

over the extended exclusion

zone that was established on

earlier agreed to monitor the

air exclusion zones without

French help, if Paris main-

tained its uncooperative

stance towards American air-

strikes in Iraq. Paris has

no-fly zone to the 33rd parallel

THE combination of Ameri-

can air-launched and sea-

launched cruise missiles did

sufficient damage to the Iraqi

air defence network in south-

ern Iraq to put it out of

effective action for months,

according to the assessment of

satellite and aerial reconnais-

Although the Iraqis will still

examining photographic evi-

Arkansas land venture or

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America and Britain had

said its participation in sur-

France refuses to

patrol widened

Iraq no-fly zone

SPLIT ALLIES

on the outskirts of Baghdad

was a "unilateral" American

decision. The move has been

supported by Britain. During

recent days French fighters

have pointedly patrolled only south of the 30th parallel,

covering Kuwaiti airspace and

Mr Christopher's talks with his French counterpart, Hervé

de Charette, France said its

planes would only monitor

south of the 32nd parallel,

where the no-fly zone was

fixed at the end of the Gulf

War. Mr Christopher's failure to secure full French support

for the extended no-fly zone is

the latest sign of the French

Government's determination

to distance itself from Wash-

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M Juppé's tentative plan gave fuel yesterday to Bonn's emerging suspicions about the Chirac era: the French seem no longer to be synchronising their watches with the Germans.

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Armed Kurdistan Democratic Party fighters keep vigil outside the parliament building in Arbil yesterday

# White House scrutinises effect of attacks on President's popularity

IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT CLINTON has the backing of four out of five Americans for his missile attacks on Iraq, according to a published yesterday. However, few expect the strikes to stop President Saddam Hussein from breaking the terms of the Gulf War

The strength of support for Mr Clinton was welcomed at the White House where aides are keeping a scorecard of pluses and minuses from the President's short, sharp foray into missile diplomacy.

The poll seems to suggest that the Iraqi episode is unlikely to dent Mr Clinton's 21point lead over Bob Dole, his sidency, and could increase US OPINION

missile strike was related to the election campaign, the brief onslaught did, of course, stifle criticism of the President as a foreign-policy lightweight who lacks military experience. Mr Clinton's unilateral de-

image and get a bump in the polls". By contrast, General Colin Powell, America's senior officer during the Gulf War and now a popular Republican, said Mr Clinton had done

exactly the right thing. Also on the plus side, Mr Clinton has commandeered a bigger "no-fly zone" in southern Iraq, leaving Saddam "strategically worse off than before". True, the expanded buffer zone is about 200 miles from the fighting in northern Iraq that prompted the retaliation, but the White House still believes that it will be a lesson to Saddam.

positions where they could again threaten Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

On the minus side, however, the Gulf War coalition has been weakened by Mr Clinton's decision to use force rather than to engage in haggling at the United Nations. France, a loyal participant in the no-fly missions until now, is refusing to fly in the expanded area. The United States was denied permission to fly raids from three neighbouring countries, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Jordan. Russia objected strongly to the

Given these negative voices. it is ridiculous for William Perry, the American Defence Secretary, to claim that the

# Juppé is ready to rock the **Euro** clock By BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS AND ROGER BOYES With typical Gallic insouci-

FRENCH and German clocks may soon be out of sync if a French plan to drop the twice-yearly changing of the clocks takes effect. But the change would bring Anglo-French time in step for the ummer months.

ance, Alain Juppé, the French Prime Minister, has yet to opt either for summer or winter time but he sees no point in retaining the twice-yearly ritual which mean millions losing an hour's sleep each spring. As he prepared to impose

the measure on Brussels, he said: "The twice-yearly time-change is less and less understood by our fellow citizens. while providing no obvious

British companies which will count the cost in bureaucratic chaos. Technically, it could mean that the Eurostar train will take four hours to get to Paris rather than three.

Jim Rowe, of Eurostar, said: "Different time zones are particularly difficult for business people. They are already having to get a train from Waterloo at 5am to ensure they arrive in central Paris for a 9.30am meeting. Clearly if we get to a situation where there is a permanent two-hour time difference between the French and us, then is it going to be very difficult."

hour will reduce the muchtrumpeted co-ordinating talks between the French and German civil services. Ministries of the two countries are supposed to hold regular consultations about European and specifically Franco-German projects. If M Juppé goes ahead with his idea to turn back the clock, then the Franro-German relationshi least at the bureaucratic level.

#### have a limited capability to position to win Iraqi oil and ceasefire again. shoot down American, British the Tomahawk attacks carried trade contracts once the UN or French aircraft patrolling out in 1993, the Iraqis have sanctions were lifted. With reconstituted the whole of the millions of pounds worth of air defence network. Key elepotential deals at stake when ments of the national system sanctions end, France has were rebuilt at two airbases emphasised its concern for the south of Baghdad. The latest territorial integrity of Iraq. Britain believes no further

the region, a successful strike would be a "matter of luck", according to Western intelligence sources. Yesterday patrois went ahead without incident, with American fighters flying in the newly expanded "no-fly" zone between the 32nd and 33rd parallels. Pentagon experts have been

Missile strikes dent

Saddam's defences

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

by the American strikes on Tuesday and Wednesday, which involved a total of 44 air-launched cruise missiles, and sea-launched Tomahawks, fired by surface warships and one nuclear-

and neighbouring sites. Western sources said there had been "satisfactory damage at-

establish a strong French presence in the Middle East, and a long-term calculation that this would put France in a good

Since the 1991 Gulf War and cruise missile attacks were targeted on 15 air defence systems on these two bases

powered submarine.

dence of the damage achieved trition to these facilities.

officially disavowed that the

Republicans if he had done nothing. Mr Dole was already building a case against President Clinton's implied weak leadership when he was si-

Saddam's missile sites.

cision to "punish" Saddam pre-empted the political bombardment he would have suffered from Mr Dole and other lenced by the attack on

Only Ross Perot, the mayerick Reform Party candidate.

There is no question that by moving the exclusion zone from the 32nd to the 33rd parallel, an advance of 70

# the raids.

# Clinton faces campaign setback as Whitewater aide is put on the spot

PRESIDENT Clinton faced an Whitewater cover-up and the unexpected threat to his reissue of character at a time when Mr Clinton had been election last night after a enjoying high poll ratings in former partner in Whitewater was ordered to tell a grand the wake of the Chicago convention and the American jury whether the American bombing of Iraq. It also sugteader had lied under oath. Susan McDougal, 41, who gests that the grand jury in has refused repeated prosecu-Little Rock has now reached tion efforts to gain her cothe Clinton phase of its investioperation, was given until Monday to testify about the gation. McDougal had been asked three questions, all of which related to the President. President's role in the failed

expect a sentence of up to 18 for refusing to answer. McDougal said prosecutors had demanded whether Mr months for contempt of court. One of three past business Clinton knew about an illegal associates and triends of the \$300,000 (£192,000) loan made First Family convicted on to her in 1986 and about fraud and conspiracy charges in May, including her former husband, Jim McDougal, who

before she was led from court

has made a deal to assist the prosecution, McDougal has already been sentenced to two years in prison. Despite the pressure of a further term behind bars. there was no suggestion yesterday that she would change her mind next week. These people are not interested in the truth," said McDougal, who idaimed she would never anwer questions about the Clintons. They are just interested

property in which the Whitewater corporation had an interest. Finally, she said, she had been asked: "Did William Jefferson Clinton testify truthfully at your trial?"

results for his regime. Mr

Rifkind added: "It is crucially

necessary that whenever he

initiates repression or aggres-

sion that he should end up

losing more than he thinks he

has gained."
British officials were still

optimistic last night that the revised British draft UN Sec-

urity Council resolution, drop-

ping any outright condemnation of Baghdad for

the invasion of Western-pro-

tected safe area city of Arbil,

and would not be vetoed by

Russia. They expected, howev-

er, that France was still likely

Officials noted that for the

past two years France had

taken a softer line on Iraq at

the United Nations, clearly

believing that the situation

was not comparable to 1991.

However, they also saw in

France's refusal to support

America an attempt in Paris to

strikes against Iraq are likely

or necessary, but everything

depends on Saddam's behav-

iour. All the signs were he was

trying to avoid confrontation

During the past few years, both McDougals, who owned Madison Guaranty, the bank at the heart of Whitewater, have said they have no information that could incriminate either Mr Clinton or his wife, Hillary. And they have each accused Kenneth Starr, the independent prosecutor, of leading a politically motivated witch hunt.

Since the start, investigators

have been attempting to prove that Whitewater was in some way intended by the Mc-Dougals as a sop to compensate Mr Clinton, the then Governor of Arkansas, for political favours. They believe that co-operation by Susan McDougal, or others involved in the Arkansas of the 1980s, may be all that stands in the way of indictments. Although charges are unlikely to be brought against the President before the election, speculation continues to centre on Mrs Clinton's future.

McDougal was convicted in

investment company owned by David Hale, an Arkansas banker. Hale, the government's chief witness in the Whitewater trial, claimed he had loaned her the money under duress from Mr Clinton. But in his videotaped testimony in defence of the McDougals and Jim Guy Tucker, his successor as Arkansas Governor, Mr Clinton insisted he knew nothing of

the loan.

In an interview with ABC, McDougal said she had often considered co-operating with Mr Starr. "It is tempting every time they put the carrot before my eyes. "She also insisted the Clintons had never lied, but added: "I have wondered why they couldn't tell everything just out open and honest and simple and easy."

Benign cyst: A cyst on Mr Clinton's neck was removed on Wednesday in an operation that lasted about 15 minutes, the White House said. Officials said it was benign, but it would be sent for analysis.

Its removal comes amid calls from Mr Clinton's Republican rival, Bob Dole, that the President release all his medical records. Mr Dole, 73, has released extensive medical records to show he is in good

#### in getting Bill Clinton." May of misusing the \$300,000 Her silence, however, is loan that she had borrowed McDougal: ordered to say certain to focus Republican from a federally backed small attention on a possible Disgraced strategist plots his comeback when he came back he sounds really mad to damage the strategic capabilities of Mr BY TOM RHODES and he said, 'Look, Dick, I would prefer you not to use this phone any more." Ms rehabilitation of himself. DICK MORRIS, the Democrats' cam-

paign strategist who resigned in disgrace, was already masterminding a personal comeback yesterday as the latest consequence of his sexual exploits caused immediate political embarrassment to Hillary Clinton.

In her first television interview, Sherry Rowlands, the prostitute who sold a lurid account of her long-standing affair with Mr Morris has revealed that she overheard a supposedly private telephone conversation between the President and his chief strategist.

ni During the conversation, Ms Row-lands claimed Mr Clinton stated that the numerous scandals surrounding the First Lady had caused her to suffer ill alth "Hillary answered the phone and

Rowlands told Hard Copy, a tabloid show which will air throughout the United States this week.

She said Mr Clinton added: "You can understand Hillary is upset. My wife is not well. You know, with all the Whitewater trial and everything. She is not well. You know the regular lines. Do not call the private residence any more". The latest revelations are likely to anger Mrs Clinton, who has been enjoying her own renaissance since the

telephoned Mr Morris to console him after Ms Rowlands sold her story to the Star newspaper last week. Ms Rowlands' candid diary, more of which is to be published on Monday.

Chicago convention. Indeed, she had

Morris, who has already started a tactical

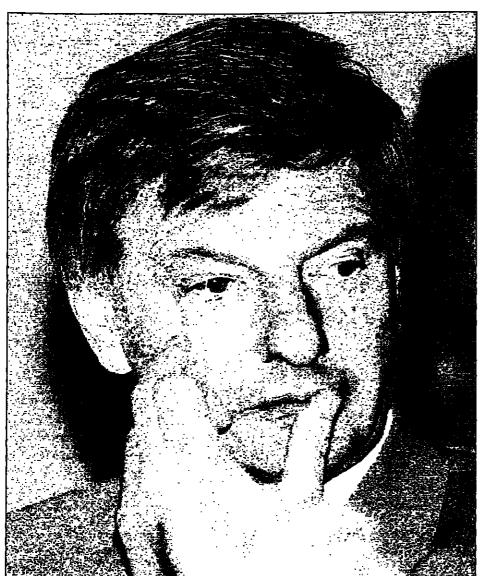
Random House, the New York publishers, announced it had bought the political consultant's personal account of his successful remoulding of Mr Clinton following the disastrons mid-term elections in 1994. It said the book would be published after the election, but has offered no insight into the unusual deal.

Recognising that his value will be strongest in the next two months. Mr Morris is also said to have approached CBS about the possibility of working as a network consultant

"You have to ask whether someone who is ethically corrupt, who cheated on his wife with a hooker, has the dignity to sit on the set with Dan Rather," said one network executive. "On the other hand,



# Peter Graf battles to keep Steffi out of court



Peter Graf in court as the trial started yesterday. "Our daughter in no way knew about our financial and tax affairs, she left it to me. I had the authority to sign"

# Defence team in tax-fraud case blames chaotic German system

FROM ROGER BOYES IN MANNHEIM

THE first game seemed to go Steffi Graf's way yesterday as lawyers and her father, looking sallow after 13 months in jail. fought hard to keep her out of Germany's most controversial tax evasion case.

Instead of dragging the world's number one woman tennis player into the trial of her father, defence lawyers in effect put the whole German tax system in the dock. There were hints, too, that the trial, expected to last until January, would expose how celebrities are given political protection.

Peter Graf, a 58-year-old used car dealer, is accused of hiding his daughter's earnings by setting up a web of offshore companies. He and his finan-cial adviser, Joachim Eckardt, could receive sentences of up to ten years in jail if found guilty. Miss Graf has already made DM20 million (£13.5 million) available to the taxman, pending the outcome of the trial.

Our daughter in no way knew about our financial and tax affairs, she left it to me." Herr Graf said in a emotionally charged voice. It was his first public appearance since watching her win Wimbledon in 1995. "I had the authority to sign contracts, open accounts, make

transfers," he said. This version is disputed by Horst Schmitt, one of the prose-cution's key witnesses. The former petrol-station manager was part of the Graf court and

remembers a family meeting attended by Miss Graf - at which the structure of the taxevasion companies was set out. Miss Graf denies being there.

Her absence from the trial is

one of its mysteries, since it is her income that was diverted. In a recent interview, she said: "I was happy to concentrate on playing tennis and leave the financial matters to others. I can see now that was not perhaps quite right. Yet neither the prosecution nor Herr Graf's defence team has subpoenaed her. Herr Eckardt's lawyers hinted they might call her as a witness, but that was understood to be a threat to the Graf team not to shift all the

blame onto Herr Eckardt.

At the heart of the trial is the complex relationship between Miss Graf and her father, who trained and, in many ways, developed her skills. His control over her was total; reports say he used to kick her if she played a poor shot. Herr Graf became addicted to tablets and drank heavily, but wife Heidi, Steffi and her brother learnt to live with his moods.

Part of Herr Graf's personal defence yesterday was that he lost control of himself. Her string of successes from 1989 propelled the family into the financial big-time and the cream of German and international industry paid court to her. With sponsorship money flowing in and celebrity parties

to attend, Herr Graf, as he admitted yesterday, lost control. But Professor Franz Salditt, his defence lawyer, explained that the flaws were as much to do with the system as they were personal. Why, for example, did it take the German inland revenue so long to pursue the Grafs? Herr Graf's explanation

is simple: "We were promised

that tax exile would not be necessary," he said yesterday.
Plainly, after German unification — when taxes began to rise steeply — politicians were nervous that Germany's superstars would move. like the three-time Wimbledon champion Boris Becker to Monaco. Miss Graf wanted to stay in Germany and Bonn was happy to have a German heroine

remain at home. "I gained the impression that there were many possibilities to lessen our tax burden, and most high earners were doing pre-cisely that. I felt stupid for not undertaking something simi-lar," Herr Graf said.

Professor Salditt said the case demonstrated the chaotic state of German tax law. The prosecutor shot back: "Don't present this case as the Government Moloch pitted against the little man . . . it's not like that."

The ball was knocked over the net a few more times, but day one of the trial concluded with advantage to Miss Graf.

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Steffi Graf: "I was happy to concentrate on playing tennis and leave the financial matters to others"

# Post-communist women challenge office sex pests

SEXUAL harassment of female employees has become a burning issue in Central Europe for the first time since the full of communism.

The sacking of Frantisek the footage of Boris Yeltsin, Batrla, a 57-year-old bank manager who was accused of his secretary before an official The sacking of Frantisek

to women staff, has shocked Prague. Under the former regime some degree of sexual banter and supposedly playful physical contact was regarded as a normal part of office life;

Kremlin at least not much has changed. But as capitalism makes inroads into the postcommunist world, so do Anglo-American guidelines on office relationships.

The case of Mr Batrla shows how quickly attitudes are shifting. When Mr Batrla's

meeting showed that in the female deputy complained in July that he had frequently fondled her and questioned her about her sex life, the bank stood solidly behind the male manager. Two other women had supported her claim. The woman was later sacked.

The bank later performed a U-turn after Mr Batrla's secre-

tary complained that he had been sexually harassing her.
Worried that its image was
suffering, it sacked Mr Batrla.
Although women's rights
campaigners in the Czech
Republic claimed an important victory, the bank said it would not reinstate the dis-



FROM REUTER IN SARAJEVO

NATO warned Bosnian Serb leaders yesterday after a British army patrol was forced to fire into the air to disperse a hostile crowd in Serb territory. "Yesterday the soldiers chose to fire a warning shot. The next time the consequences could be fatal," Admisergeant, fired a warning shot

ral Joseph Lopez, American commander of the Nato-led peace force (Ifor) in Bosnia, said. "Our troops will do what is necessary and prudent if they are required to protect the lives of other lfor troops," his statement said.

A British patrol was escorting two Serb police armoured vehicles in the northwest town of Banja Luka on Wednesday when it discovered unauthorised vehicles and weapons in the convoy, including an anti-aircraft gun, a multiple-barrelled rocket launcher and a 127 mm machinegun, Nato spokesmen said.

While the ten-member patrol moved to confiscate the

weapons and vehicles, an angry crowd of 200 civilians surrounded the British soldiers, Major Brett Boudreau, for Nato, said. When some tried to overturn one of the British patrol's Land-Rovers, the senior officer on the spot, a

into the air form his pistol, dispersing the crowd. Major Roudreau said The British patrol drove on with the confiscated weapons, but when it stopped to regroup it was surrounded again by a crowd and Serb police cars. To defuse tensions, the confiscat-

in the area temporarily. Major Boudreau said that the British eventually moved the weapons to the local Ifor base on the outskirts of Bania

with Nato but singled out the

ed weapons were taken to a

Bosnian Serb army barracks

Major Boudreau said that the Bosnian Serb Army and a local police chief co-operated

extremely hostile. The Ifor commander also warned Biljana Plavsic, the Bosnian Serb Acting President, of the seriousness of the incident and "insisted that she take responsibility for her police and the actions of her people". Admiral Lopez was sterner.

Serb Interior Ministry units as

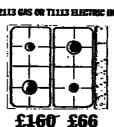
He told Bosnian Serb leaders: Our soldiers are trained and are authorised to shoot to kill in order to defend themselves and others. It is not our intent to harm anyone, but when threatened we will respond

Nato officers planned to hold talks with Dragan Kijac. the Bosnian Serb Interior Minister, over the incident. Mr Kijac was reprimanded recently over police attacks on Muslims trying to return to their homes.

The confrontation in Banja Luka coincides with rising tensions across Bosnia before postwar elections are held on September 14.













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bility for atrocities committed

during the apartheid era. Frank Mdalose, the Inkatha

Chairman and Premier of

KwaZulu/Natal, told the com-

mission about ANC plots to

assassinate Chief Buthelezi

Referring to a "top secret" document that detailed a 1987

plot by the ANC to assassinate

Chief Buthelezi, the party's

submission said that a reli-

gious leader, who disclosed

the details and was later

assassinated, had said the

ANC hoped that "eliminating"

Chief Buthelezi would deal a

death blow to Inkatha. The

chief was ruler of the

KwaZulu homeland at that

time. The party's submission

said that in a letter dated March 1986 the ANC had

ordered one of its fighters to

Inkatha said its submission

provided "hard facts" that

rebutted ANC denials of plans

to kill Chief Buthelezi, and the

party called on the commis-

sion to use its powers to

discover further details of the

plot. The Inkatha submission also accused the ANC of

carry out the assassination.

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# Buthelezi apologises to ANC for years of violence

IN AN extraordinary submission before South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the head of the Zulu-led Inkatha Freedom Party, apologised to President Mandela and other African National Congress leaders on behalf of his party, but he denied any personal role in the political violence of the aparteid era.

"From my part I wish to say that I am sorry for any hurt I have caused the ANC leadership," Chief Buthclezi, the Home Affairs Minister, told Archbishop Desmond Turu, the commission chairman. and his seven-member panel. During his submission. Chief Buthelezi sharply rebuked the former white Government and his ANC rivals, who were accused of plotting to assassinate him in 1987.

Chief Buthelezi denied any personal role in the bloody confrontation between rival inkatha and ANC supporters that has left 15,000 dead in KwaZulu/Natal since the mide-1980s. However, he apologised for the fact that inkatha members had been drawn into the conflict and acknowledged that "the buck stops right in front of me". He said: "I know that because we are human beings, and there-

fore sinners, that we shall still hurt each other even tomorrow. I nevertheless apologise for the past hurts and I do so on behalf of my followers."
Inkatha has been one of the

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fiercest opponents of the Truth Commission and the appearance yesterday of its leader and his apology was something of a coup for Archbishop Tutu. In an apparent snide reference to the Anglican cleric, a figurehead in the struggle against apartheid, Chief Buthelezi said the country needed apologies from "some of South Africa's more political clergy".

The submissions from

South African parties mark



Archbishop Tutu: head of the truth commission

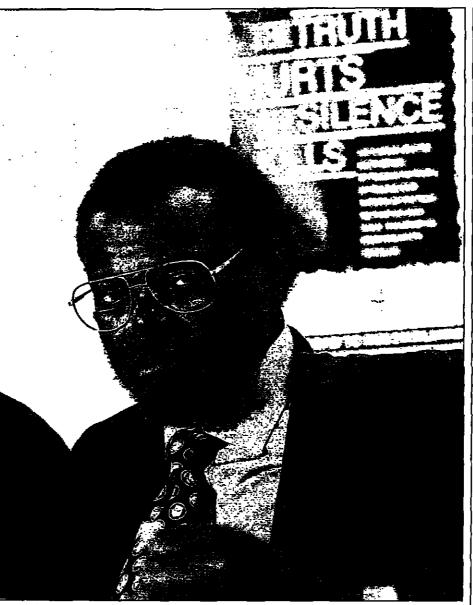
the second phase of the work orchestrating a war against its the truth commission, supporters and killing 420 members since the start of last which aims to confront the country's troubled past and to year alone. heal the divisions by trying to Inkatha's submission foldetail and determine responsi-

lowed presentations last month by the ANC and National Party about their role in the apartheid era, during which apologies were offered.

About 1.000 additional policemen were deployed in Jo-hannesburg and Soweto yesterday to intensify the war against crime and allay growing public anxiety.

The deployment coincided with the publication of a survey that showed that most South Africans do not believe they are safe from crime. The poll found that 71.4 per cent of respondents wanted capital punishment reinstated, compared with 62 per cent last ☐ Widow's words: Graça

Machel, the widow of President Machel of Mozambique, has spoken publicly for the first time about her relationship with Mr Mandela and said there is no prospect of her marrying him. Mrs Machel, 50, who speaks to Mr Mandela twice a day by phone, said she will not marry him despite the warmth of her feelings. "I belong to Mozambique. I will always be the wife of Samora Machel."



Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi during his submission yesterday to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. He took the opportunity to rebuke his ANC rivals

# ¿Cambodia troops foster Khmer Rouge feud FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN ARANYAPRATHET, THAILAND

THE first serious armed clash between Khmer Rouge guerrillas loyal to Pol Pot, their murderous leader, and breakaway rebel fighters has flared 100 miles northeast of this Thailand-Cambodia frontier town with more than 400 fleeing into refugees The battle, involving two

artillery strikes and a ground attack, occurred at the Khmer hasten an end to civil war. Rouge village of Chhup Koki, in wooded territory. Pol Pot guerrillas are in control of the village. The Khmer Rouge dissidents defending the jungle base received unprecedented help as the Government

rescue. General Nheuk Bunchhay.

Government's forces, said the troops were sent to help the dissidents to keep control of Chhup Koki, in the Banteay Meanchey province. The joint operation between former enemies underscored the importance that the Phnom Penh Government is putting on peace negotiations with the dissidents, hoping to cement a split among the guerrillas and

The reinforcements were sent as leng Sary, the dissident leader, met Cambodian Co-Ministers of Defence in Thailand in a new round of peace negotiations. Particidescribed them as

The ministers discussed the prospects of a royal pardon for integration of his breakaway group. "We have held frank discussions in a good and sincere atmosphere. We agreed to consider amnesty for him [leng Sary]." Tea Banh, a minister, said yesterday. leng Sary heads the faction

that last month split from the Maoist Khmer Rouge guerrilla group led by Pol Pot. The meeting was his first direct contact with senior Cambodian leaders. Speculation has been growing that Pol Pot, 69, under whose rule a million people were killed in Cambodia, may have died, but Khmer Rouge sources insist this is not the case. Al line same fune, a rebei

Khmer Rouge commander. Vong Narit, who was pushed

Thai territory, said he saw Pol Pot just a month ago at the northern Khmer Rouge headquarters at Anlong Veng. Mr Vong said that 50 of his

men were still in Cambodia

guarding a weapons cache

that Thai troops protecting the border were not permitted to take into Thailand. Mr Vong said that in mid-August, after hearing that guerrillas loval to Ieng Sarv had led a revolt against the

hardline leadership of the Khmer Rouge, he had led his men in driving out the Khmer Rouge commander in Chhup Koki, So Hong, Pol Pot's

Anlong Veng, but in the past few days had returned with a attacked under two artillery barrages of 15 and 40 minutes and driven Mr Vong's forces out with 49 families. The UNHCR representative on the border was at the site of the improvised refugee camp yesterday assessing their needs.

Mr Vong said he knew that 90 per cent of other Khmer Rouge wanted to join the rebels, and suggested that Pol Pot himself was isolated.

Pol Pot's top military commander, the feared Ta Mok. had been cut off by the earlier revolt and was now desperately trying to reach Anlong Veng to stave off any further defections. Ta Mok, known in is a one-legged general who is probably the most feared of all the Khmer Rouge.

# Subway worker tells of Tokyo gas attack

FROM REUTER IN TOKYO

SHOKO ASAHARA, the Japanese doomsday cult leader. sat impassively yesterday through his first courtroom encounter with witnesses to last year's poison gas attack on the Tokyo subway. Mr Asahara, 41, accused of

ordering disciples of his Aum Shinrikyo (Supreme Truth Sect) to release the nerve gas sarin on rush-hour subway trains in March 1995, showed no emotion as a subway worker described the attack. which killed II people and made 5,500 ill. As on six previous occasions, he rethe 17 murder, attempted murder and weapons and drug production charges he faces.

frantic morning when two of his co-workers were killed in the main attack on Kasumigaseki subway station. He and co-workers, Kazumasa Takahashi and Tsuneo Hishinuma, who both later died, struggled to remove sarinfilled plastic bags from subway carriages. "Mr Taka-hashi lay there with his eyes open but gave no response when I called him," said Mr

The subway employee, Toshiaki Toyoda told the

district court here of the

Mr Toyoda wrapped the and then passed out. He said that he later spent six weeks in hospital in serious condition.

# **NEWS IN BRIEF**

# **Sex-ring** suspect arrested

Brussels: Police made their tenth arrest in Belgium's paedophile ring yesterday as the country prepared for the burial of two teenage victims. Annie Bouty, a companion of Jean-Michel Nihoul, who has been charged with criminal association with Marc Dutroux, was arrested after questioning in the Neufchâteau headquarters of the the paedophile inquiry. (Reuter)

#### Election patrol

Dhaka: Bangladeshi soldiers patrolled districts where voring was taking place to fill 15 seats left vacant after the parliamentary elections. Five people died in the campaign violence last week. (AP)

#### Peking in dock

Peking: A court has agreed to hear an action by Liu Nianchun, the veteran dissi-dent, accusing Peking of illegal imprisonment, but lawyers are under pressure not to take his case. (Reuter)

## Copt beheaded

Minya, Egypt: Islamic militants in a Minya province village shot dead Asham Nabi Tawfiq. 45, a Coptic Christian municipal worker, hacked off his head and escaped with it, police said. (AFP)

# Rao questioned

Delhi: Federal police for the first time questioned P.V.-Narasimha Rao, the former Prime Minister, about allegations that he bribed politicians to win support for his Government. (AP)

# Zafy impeached

Antananarivo: The President of Madagascar. Albert Zafy. agreed to step down after the High Constitutional Court confirmed his impeachment. The Prime Minister will take over his duties. (Reuter)

## Scant reward

Delhi: More than 1,000 teachers walked naked, or wearing only underwear or loincloths, testing that the Government has not paid them for years. There were no arrests. (AP)



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# Why Tony chose the wrong pub.

An aspiring Prime Minister should be seen enjoying a drink on Albert Square not in Coronation Street says Candida Crewe, who prefers EastEnders

omething badly rankled when Tony Blair popped in for a pint at the Rovers Return last week. In fact, I took so much umbrage he nearly lost my vote. That single misjudgment shook my loyalties almost as much as some of his filmsier policies. He chose the wrong pub. If he knew anything about luring

– and indeed, keeping – the younger voter, it would have been the Queen Vic that he patronised. While the OAP vote may be with Coronation Street. the all-important youth vote is firmly in the East-Enders camp. I may not be subscriber-to-Var hip. but i'm (relatively) youthful and I'm a dedicated fan of all that goes on in Albert Square. In my book, Blair committed a terrible faux pas when he dropped into the Rovers Return. Coronation Street is old hat: EastEnders is where it's

The world divides into those deranged, sad people who watch Neighbours: those older. staider, cosier folk who favour "the Street"; a few who go in for the more implausible dead-bodies-buried-in-the-garden storylines characteristic

of Brookside; and the altogether more enlightened millions who tune into EastEnders.

Myself, I might well have been among that completely different band - those who are too snooty by half to think of ever watching any soap, let alone getting hooked on one. I will admit that it was the category I used to slot into. Television was for current affairs, documentaries and the occasional well-chosen drama. Soaps were down there with that Saturday evening neverland of game shows and pets programmes presented by

earnestly smiling, bearded people. But while I always presumed that watching Coronation Street was the televisual equivalent of drinking Horlicks, I deigned to give EastEnders a go when it was launched with such a flourish more than II years ago. I stuck with it in a noncommittal sort of way but drifted when key characters such as Angie and Den left the series.

A few years later I found myself with a fellow whose work occasionally took him away for weeks at a time. Unfortunately his trips were to those spots of which there are very few left in the world, completely wanting in telecommunications networks, namely the outer reaches of the Russian Federation and the Caucasus. I became lonely. On a

Tiffany and Sam continue the Queen Vic tradition

solitary night in a couple of years ago, I channel-hopped from some worthy documentary and happened upon my old acquaintance,

The characters had changed somewhat, and trusty, busty Sharon was in the process of slowly but surely and skilfully being written out, but the plots weren't hard to catch up on. The programme was company, and rather reliable and chirpy company at that. It was a bad day when Michelle, who I liked, left for America for ever (or, rather, Susan Tully decided it was time to move on and, like Anita Dobson before her, do some theatre). I'm still smarting, but Bianca and Tiffany are merry substitutes.

Some detractors accuse the programme of being depressing. There are gloomy incidents, of course, because the writers and producers try their best to emulate real life. But there are uplifting, funny moments, too. David Wickes, bad boy of Albert Square, comes out some genuinely witty lines

that make me laugh out loud. By the time the globetrotter had come home, I was addicted. Unfortunately, it was a bit like being a slave to Valium or ladies' underwear: I was ashamed. It remained

a secret vice. Friends were still in the snoots camp - or so I thought — and, although I carried on watching. I kept my mouth shut about it. Soon afterwards I discovered that a clever

novelist friend, who is grumpy and cool, comes from Bermondsey and lives in Notting Hill, was moonlighting as a scriptwriter for EastEnders. I was wide-eyed with won-What an enviable job! I fired questions at him and, for the first time. I felt I could come out and tell someone how brilliant I thought it was. Then I dropped in on another friend, who also lives in a fashionable part of London and has a manner that suggests she's above such things as soap operas. I caught her in the middle

of watching some rivet-ing intrigue on that night's episode (which I'd carefully set to tape before I'd gone out). She came clean. Then other improbable viewers

began to squirm out of the woodwork. Rumour had it that the Princess of Wales, Anthony Hopkins and Ian McKellen were fans. More recently, a trendy young film director said that any EE script beat the hell out of the one for Bertolucci's new film Stealing Beauty, and a few days ago playwright Jonathon (The Beautiful Thing) Harvey rang the production office to congratulate it on last week's Blackpool episodes.

Why is EastEnders so good? Many of its fans have never watched an episode of Coronation Street in their lives. For me, the air it had about it was always too cosy and old-fashioned, somehow, to win me over. That view may be doing the longest-running soap a terrible injustice. For all I know it may now be full of groovy and sexy characters going about all manner



of groovy and sexy pursuits. But the prejudice of the twenty and thirtysomethings perhaps arises from those strange black-and-white clips, which occasionally appear on telly, of episodes past; and that image of a boot-faced Ena Sharples in her curlers which, though she left the Street long ago, is curiously persistent.

I have the impression, rightly or wrongly, that EastEnders is altogether more accessible, up-to-date, and on-the-ball. So, they say, is Brookside. But Brookside does tend to go in for storylines that are just too fanciful, especially if the reason you watch a soap is, as I do. to revel in the ordinary. Aliens and anything supernatural are a strict no-go area. Didn't I read somewhere that Brookside dabbled in a bit of that recently? We have other series to fulfil those needs. OK, so in EastEnders there is 15-year-old Sarah who has come over all Christian, which is made out to be pretty odd, but she hasn't joined the Moonies or some other weird Californian sect. That would be pushing our credulity too far.

Luckily. EastEnders is more earthy, with the sense steadfastly to stick to the mundane factors of real life, which is what it is there for and what it does best. Marital strife, bolshie adolescents, infidelity, drug-dealing, unwanted pregnancies, bereavement, Aids, job insecurity, homosexuality (even if last week the powers that be at the BBC. in an extraordinarily misguided

and patronising move, lopped sec-onds off a gay kiss), you name it, it's

But, perhaps more important than any of this, they manage to make the characters appealing. Unlike those in Friends (my other current obsession), they aren't all gratuitously likeable, sexy and

nd yet somehow they do all arouse a basic desire in us to find out what happens to them which, presumably, is what a successful soap is all about, what keeps us tuning in three times a week (four times during the Olympics, oh joy!). Ian Beale, for example, is the perfect embodiment of

someone who is so pompous and so boring that he is fascinating. He is depicted in such a way that the viewer can't help but be on his side. willing him to discover the truth about his errant wife. Similarly, Ricky is so stupid that one can only marvel, but he is all the same endearing enough to make one bemoan his — with any luck only temporary - absence from the

I suppose this is all part of some special, secret EastEnders formula. which is hard to define but which is what makes it so irresistible, even to some viewers who spurn its rivals and yet more, myself included, who might otherwise be snooty and among the first to dismiss it all

Jason Cowley and Dalya Alberge find the literati chasing their tails

here has been only one topic of conversation in the loucher salons of literary London in recent weeks: A Vicious Circle, Amanda Craig's devastating portrait of the rivalries and jealousies of some of the country's leading literary figures. Proof copies of the novel have been furtively changing hands as writers search for themselves among its pages and diarists seek to unmask the real faces behind Craig's spiky archetypes.

Loosely modelled on Balzac's great novel of 19thcentury literary Paris, Lost Illusions, the roman à clef concerns the struggles of two women: Mary, a poor, young Irish autodidact, and Amelia, the glamorous daughter of a newspaper tycoon. Both fall in love with Paul Pinsent, ruthless but stylish literary iournalist.

What has added to the intrigue is that Hamish Hamilton, an imprint of Penguin, this week suspended publication of the book after the critic David Sexton apparently recognised aspects of himself in the portrayal of Pinsent.

Whether he took offence at the jokes about Pinsent's basin-like haircut or to his wild misogyny is open to question, since he left the country shortly before the Penguin Power of the poison pen

Sexton and Craig had an affair for two years while at Cambridge in the early 1980s, but their relationship ended acrimoniously. They have had no contact since, except when Craig wrote to Sexton in 1988

after both parties had married - suggesting a reconciliation. But she was rebuffed. She later sent him a postcard expressing her disppointment at his behaviour ffriends of Sexton say she told him "to go on festering"). It is thought that Sexton cites the postcard as evidence of Craig nurturing a vendetta against

He certainly seems unusually interested in her. In 1994, for instance, he used his column in The Times Literary Supplement to imply she reviewed books she hadn't

Craig, who has agreed to

went to grammar school and Cambridge; both are passionate Nabokovians and have had difficult relationships

the book, has told

friends that there

are similarities

between Sexton

and Pinsent. Both

both are notoriously caustic critics. Yet Craig scorns the idea that she has a grudge against Sexton, describing him to friends as "pompous and dismayingly vain". What is most amusing

and best - about the feud is what is most unexpected. For who would have thought that Sexton, whose reviews are among the most ironic and heartless in London, should have suffered such a calamitous failure in humour as soon as the tables were turned on him?

Legal action against works of fiction are comparatively

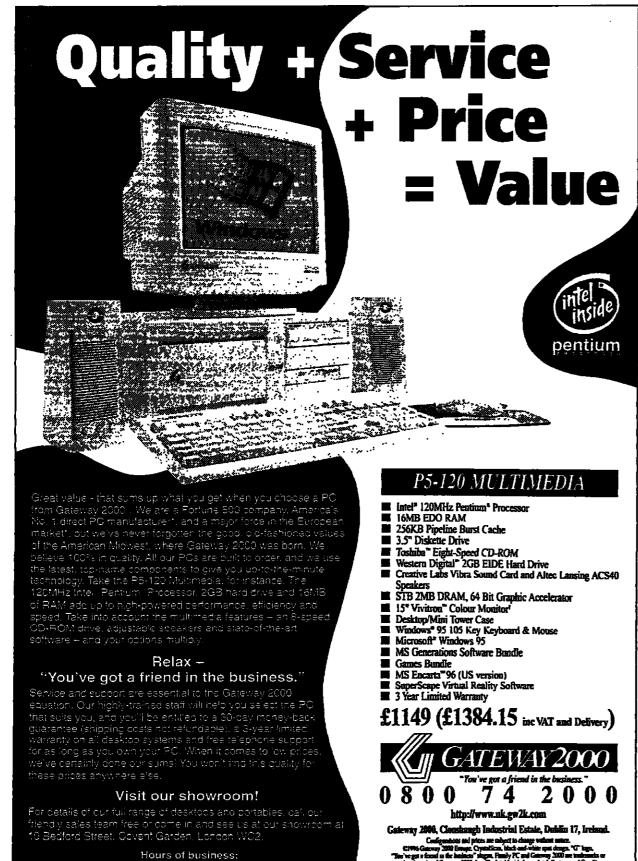
rare, but just occasionally characters and events seem a bit too close for comfort. Earlier this year Penguin published New Boy, William Sutcliffe's story of homosexuality in a boys' public school. It became the focus of attentions of attentions of attentions of attentions. tion when teachers and pupils at Haberdashers' Aske's School for Boys in Hertfordshire felt that Sutcliffe - one of their old boys — waddescribing their institution.

The publishers agreed to rename one dubious character in any reprint.

Paul Watkins offended one of his fellow Old Etonians by using his name for an unsavoury character in his memoirs of his schooldays. Stand Before Your God. The case was settled when his publisher paid out costs and made a public apology.

While Craig does not expect Sexton to resort to litigation, it is unlikley that A Vicious Circle will be published this year. "The matter is now in the hands of our lawyers. says Louisa Symington, publicity director of Hamish Hamilton. The novel was due to have been published in December but won't appear now." But Craig may yet emerge triumphant, for she adds: "We don't publish much in December anyway, so the doesn't mean much."

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The Gunpowder Plot, a passion for Heat and a hatred of fire

the six children of Lady Antonia Fraser. There is something deeply unpleasant about it, don't you think? Catholic families don't burn guys, if they know anything about November 5. If burning books leads to burning human beings, what does

burning effigies lead to?" Four years ago, when she said her next book would be about the Gunpowder Plot, I said: "But there's no love interest." She replied: "I will find one. Trust me." I could not imagine the historian of royal romance and scandal (Mary Queen of Scots. The Six Wives of Henry VIII) toiling over the shadowy lives of Guy Fawkes and his fellow plotters, cloaked in darkness and doubt, without a glimmer of discernible sex. "But there is spiritual love," she ventures among noble ladies such as Eliza Vaux, who hid priests in their stately piles. She visited

every priest-hole reports that the trouble with crawling into them gratified is how to get out again. "But I am no stranger to priestholes. When I was seven, during the that John war, my brother Thomas and I were le Carré evacuated to a house called Water enjoyed it Eaton Manor, which had a priesthole. I find them

to hear

absolutely riveting. In one, a Harold at the Vanderbilt, for priest survived for a fortnight on two biscuits and a jar of quince jelly, which the lady of the manor happened to be carrying when she bundled

"It is a very vivid thought. Imagine, Harold and I could be sitting over breakfast and have to retreat with only a pot of Cooper's Oxford marmalade to survive on."

Bringing history into contemporary focus is her speciality. Four years on, The Six Wives of Henry VIII still sells. A new edition will jostle in bookshops alongside The Gunpowder Plot. It will also jostle, since the Pakenham family is so productive, with Perfect Happiness. her sister Rachel Billington's sequel to Emma. Also with The Gathering Bunker, a collection of golfing stories by her youngest brother Kevin, a City investment manager.

90th birthday, last weekend it was the turn of the matriarch Elizabeth Longford, who also turned 90. The entire clan. including seven of the great-grandchildren, gathered on the lawn at Bernhurst, where Lady Longford bedecked herself with all her presents. including at least ten silk scarves and a pair of cyclamen

pink ballet shoes. er eldest daughter gave her Chanel No 5, the scent she Proustian memory" - wafting over her in childhood. The Gunpowder Plot has

been highly praised even by academic historians customarily sniffy about "popular" history, for its scholarship combined with galloping narrative excitement. The consensus is that it reads like a thriller. The author, as former chairman of the Crime Writers' Association, was even more gratified to hear that

John le Carré enjoyed it. It is not often that a book's dedicatees get reviewed, but critics remarked on "Edward, who would have defended them, Lucy who would have hidden them, and Paloma who would have succoured them in exile". All three are her children-in-law: Edward Fitzgerald (husband to Rebecca) the barrister, Lucy Roper-Curzon (wife to Benjy) 'a descendant of the Ropers, which means she has recusant blood and my grandchildren are connected with the plot", and Paloma (wife to Damian) art museum

he could become "Lord Day of

curator in Mexico. "who is about to produce my first Anglo-Mexican grandchild". Now 64, and a grandmother nine times, the public Antonia Fraser remains a glowing ornament at social and literary gatherings, where her wit has an epigrammatic Wildean flavour she once told Robin Day he ought to be ennobled, so that

Lady Antonia Fraser explains why she finds Bonfire Night a deeply unpleasant spectacle

THE

VALERIE GROVE

INTERVIEW

West, the last cowboys, and

Her researches into the ex-

Indians, and cowpunching".

tent of the Catholic oppression,

were a shock even to her. Most

of us remember Elizabeth I's

"I will not make windows into

men's souls". "Queen Eliza-

beth was very tolerant up to a

point, as well she might be,

having been born a Catholic.

But after all, she ordered the

execution of Mary Queen of

Scots." In 1613, she records, a

Bill was introduced into the

House of Commons to compel

Catholics to wear a red hat or

parti-coloured stockings, like

clowns. "It did not succeed, but

it reminds us that we shouldn't

go about complacently saying

we've always been this won-

admit to a personal sense of

affront at the Bonfire Night

celebrations in Lewes: she is

made uneasy by the sight of

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derfully tolerant country."

she carries on smiling her Gioconda smile, a peach-com-plexioned, Junoesque figure majestically posed by a vase of lilies, with champagne glass in hand. The private lady is an vers away in libraries and delivers her book reviews on time. She is the reverse of the contemporary woman writer, chattily discovered at the kitchen table. Nobody has ever found Antonia Fraser in her kitchen; some wonder whether she has a kitchen at all. And if life ever became a vale of tears, not even her closest friends would be privy to confidences; her confessions are for the confessional.

However, she does afford enticing glimpses of the domestic scene chez Pinter. and the persecution of priests, at the turn of the 17th century, "When I got home from mummy's 90th, Harold was still out playing cricket. I could have read She was

Michael Holroyd's Augustus John, which I am enjoying, but instead treated myself to three hours of Heat on video. So when was far away with Pacino maily, most afternoons involve a game of tennis with

which she wears a sort of blue gymslip, and her hair in an Alice band so there is never a golden curl out of place. But Mr Pinter is currently incarcerated in a Catholic church hall in Chiswick, directing rehearsals of his new play Ashes to Ashes, which opens next Thursday at the Circle, the Royal Court in exile.

the words 'No Popery' on a banner slung across an English street, let alone the burning of a Pope — any Pope — in She was off to speak in effigy". As an historian she had written dispassionately. Tunbridge Wells, taking her but could not resist commentfavourite relaxation book. ing on this contemporary ritu-Lonesome Dove by Larry McMurtry, "which draws me al. "Even as a child, when I

knew nothing about the Catholic side," (she was a Protes-tant until converting in her teens, shortly after her mother did) "I thought all burning of human bodies in effigy disgusting. As I don't believe in reincarnation. I can't claim that I was once burnt as a witch. But I have an innate sense of revulsion about destruction by fire."
The grisly details of hang-

ing, drawing and quartering. and the boiling of the heads which turned black are gruesome, and the evidence of Guy Fawkes's torture quite poignant. Torture got worse in the l6th century, probably introduced by Thomas Cromwell who, when he went abroad, found this wonderful new method of making people behave better. It's against common law, so it has to be done on the law of

prerogative. That letter of James which authorises them to start with gentler tortures and proceed to worse and adds 'God speed you in your good work' is pretty awful. "I think James

was clever - as so few of the Stuarts were - essentially a politician and a

as if hanging were no trouble to them", which must have enraged King James, who had just published A Counterblaste to Tobacco — "a custom hateful to the eye, hateful to the nose, harmful to the brain, dangerous to the lungs". "And there are people today," as Antonia says, "who would think it worse to be smoking than to try to blow up the House of Lords."

surviving conspirators, the defendants were "taking tobacco,

As Harold read the book, he kept saying: "This would make a very good film." The producer Barry Isaacson thought so too, and William Boyd is now writing the script. It will be a baddie buddy movie," she says, "and tremendously exciting. The hiding places are still there and so are the wonderful houses — Harrowden, Holbeach, Baddesley Clinton, one of the most romantic houses I know." If asked for her view on casting she would suggest Daniel Day-Lewis for Rob-

ert Catesby, the

dashing, glamor-

ous plotter-in-chief,

Sean Connery for

Father Garnet, the

'When Harold came

survivor, and survivors are

never incredibly pleasant." I was struck by the way the crowds would have conversations with the condemned men whose hanging they had come to watch. "Well, it was the letters page of the newspapers for them. There were no newspapers, or television, or votes at elections for ordinary people. The only place they could have their say was at public spectacles like hangings." In another graphic moment she notes that throughout the trial of the eight

Pacino'

home, I was with

martyred priest, and Stephen Rea as Guido Fawkes. As for her next subject, she is returning to romantic love and scandalous intrigue with Marie Antoinette, while her daughter

Flora, fresh from her success with Caroline of Brunswick, tackles the daughters of George III. (Mater pulchra, filia pulchrior, murmurs the mother graciously.) Some day. someone will undertake an even more remarkable and complex biography of the women of the Pakennam dynasty, all born with a silver pen in their hands, "Perhans a grandchild of mine will write it," she said. "There are plenty of them. Who knows? The Gunpowder Plot, Wieden-

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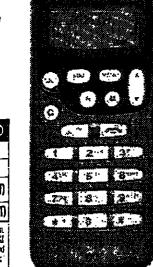
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# Is Blair betraying the Celts?

Labour's devolution plans are a

mess, says Magnus Linklater

ust as Tony Blair's stra-tegy seemed to be well on course, with scarcely a wobble in the opinion polls. trouble is threatening from the most unexpected quarter. A warning light has come on in the election cockpit, and despite some routine adjustment. it continues to flash alarmingly. It has nothing, this time, to do with tax policy or public spending. Instead it is about something that must cause Mr Blair enormous concern — the alienation of his supporters in two parts of the United Kingdom which his spin-doctors must have marked down as rock solid. First in Scotland, now in Wales, there are serious signs of revolt.

The row over Labour's plans, announced last weekend, for a double referendum on the creation of a Scottish parliament has been hugely embarrassing. It has exposed an inept Opposition performance, and a leadership in-creasingly out of touch with popular opinion. It suggests that Labour is doing what should by most political rules be impossible: losing ground to a deeply unpopular Government on an argument which has hitherto enjoyed massive support. In Wales,

disaffection has reached such a pitch that one MP has announced he will actually campaign against a Welsh assembly, one of the party's central commitments.

Some measure of that achievement can be judged from an opinion poll in Scotland on -

which showed Labour's lead down by nine points, all the ground being ceded to the great enemy, the Scottish National Party. Just as important has been the reaction of the media - newspapers and television alike which have traditionally been sympathetic to Labour's cause. Words like "farce", "débâcle", "ridicule", "collapse", "silly" and "incompetent" have been the stuff of headlines. The Scotsman called it "a piteous spectacle": the Herald concluded that the party was gambling with the political future of the country, and that if it lost, "Labour will not be forgiven". It is a long time since we have seen language as strong as this in the Scottish press, and for a party which prides itself on its deft handling of the media, it has been a remarkable setback. At least as interesting is the

way these rows on the Celtic fringe have been perceived from London. With barely an exception, they have been ignored. In the case of Wales, where the issue is the imposition of proportional representation for a Welsh assembly against the wishes of Labour's old guard, the rebellion of a left-wing MP, Llew Smith, supported by Allan Rogers and Denzil Davies, is seen as a minor infraction. In Scotland, the complex device of a double referendum to head off a threatened revolution in the party has actually been descri-bed by Mr Blair as a "mature" decision, a neat solution to a tricky problem. The Shadow Secretary, George Robertson, has been congratulated for his

pragmatic handling of it. and the belief is that the objections, from predictable sources, will

soon die down. Don't count on it. The danger for Mr Blair is not so much the immediate impact of the decision in Scotland as the way it was reached. It has been seen as the work of an arrogant and remote party leadership in London which sees devolution as more trouble than it is worth, and which relies on its henchmen to devise various means of postponing it. However unfair that view may be - and Mr Robertson becomes exceedingly irritated every time it is suggested — impressions, as any reputable spin-doctor will testify, are what count.

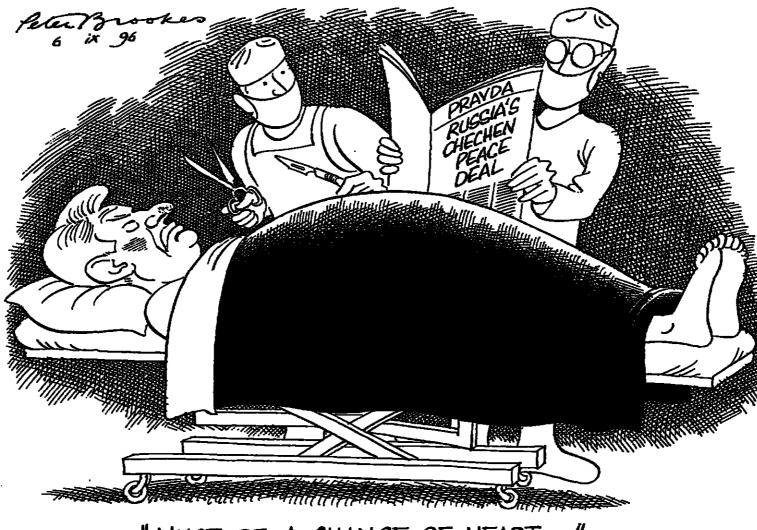
The original decision, announced in June, to hold a referendum on a Scottish parliament, was bad enough. It aroused suspicion because Labour had always argued strenuously that it was unnecessary; it was seen as emanating from London and it caught the local party unawares; having two questions, one on the principle of a parliament, one on its tax-raising powers, was interpreted as a device to ensure that a future parliament would be fiscally emasculated.

And the whole approach meant that There are difficult questions. on taxation and on signs of relations with Westminster, could be revolt in postponed. It was seen, in short as a Scotland delaying tactic. and Wales Despite the pro-

tests, the proposals

were warmly endorsed by the party leaders as principled and practical. Mr Robertson predicted an overwhelming victory when they were presented to the party's executive, and even suggested that it was, for him, as crucial a decision as John Smith's "one man one vote". The script, however, failed, as so often on these occasions, to turn out the right way. As the vote approached last weekend. defeat began to seem a real possibility. Opponents of the two-question referendum refused to back down. A frantic. last-minute compromise produced what frantic last-minute compromises so often do, a muddle. There will, it seems, be not one but two referendums. The first will ask the two questions about the principle and about tax; but just in case voters still have doubts. they will be given a second chance to take a view. As a parliament is actually set up, they will be asked again if they really mean it to have taxraising powers. Already it's being called the "are you sure

you're sure?" vote. It is as insulting as it is unnecessary. The net effect of these two rows is to undermine the confidence of Labour supporters just when it should be unassailable. A party whose main campaigning theme in Wales and Scotland has been the proposition that only Labour can deliver self-government has introduced the dangerous virus of doubt. And for a leadership that has placed unity and discipline at the centre of its strategy, it suggests that these qualities are in short supply. Time, perhaps, for the pilot to attend to the controls.



"MUST BE A CHANGE OF HEART..."

# Hiding from humanity

here's nowt so queer as folk. But when the queerness turns into something truly again that human beings can do things that we believed could not be done.

Imagine it is 1966, just 30 years ago. The war in Vietnam was raging. the Berlin Wall had not long been put up, drugs were just about to start their rampant progress, Albert Speer had got out of prison, the Moors murders were in everyone's mind, Lowry had had his first big exhibition, Harold Wilson was Prime Minister, Lurcat's tapestries were seen in Britain the first time, we had won the World Cup and everyone was in love with Twiggy.

And then there was Desmond Lockwood, And then there was Karen Morgan. I shall begin with Desmond Lockwood.

The boy was a very ordinary boy; the only picture of him shows a charming smile. No one would or could have guessed what might follow.

Desmond Lockwood was a young building worker; he was 19. His pleasant attitude and demeanour suggests that he worked well. But he lost his job. It is unlikely that he lost it because of bad work or behaviour, in those days employers sacked and took on workers very casually. So it was not a very remarkable

thing to happen. But in Desmond Lockwood it caused a kind of rage, and he took the rejection as a personal slight from society. "Damn t," he said to his older brother "if that is the way they treat people, I'm not working any more." Nor did he, ever. Now we turn to Karen Morgan.

She was a bright young woman, winning a place at Bexley Grammar School. But there was darkness in her, and she, like Desmond Lockwood, had decided that the darkness was where she wanted to be. So she, like Desmond Lockwood, rolled down the blinds. She was 16 years old when she went into her last stopping place, and she lived in the darkness

for 13 years, and died in it. The word that obviously comes to the surface, is of course "mad". It is much too easily spoken. Take first, Desmond Lockwood, when he decided to lock himself away. Did he think that he would remain self-immured for the rest of his life? Or was he just trying it on - making fools of the family? Remember his last words before he went into the cave: "Damn

When recluses become hermits, should

we save them from themselves?

it, if that is the way they treat people, I'm not working." How many hundreds of annoyed family members have thrown the milk-jug across the room and shouted "I'm never coming back?" And how many didn't come back? One in a hundred? One in a

Well, we know one now. Desmond Lockwood said he was not coming back, nor did he. So what did he do in mentally ill, their immediate rethe darkness, for thirty years? Well,

he had television, but in those days remember we are in 1966 - the fare would have been pretty thin and repetitive. Pause. reader, at that thought. We can

collect bits and pieces from the hermit and his relatives; after all, he had to eat. It is said that he ate nothing but ice-cream and drank nothing but tea: surely he would have died from such a regimen? But it seems otherwise the bonny lad who started this turned into a 15-stoner, but didn't die until he was 49. Mind you, his hair grew so long that it reached his waist, and he eventually sported a 2ft beard.

et there is no evidence that he yearned for the outside world; indeed when anyone came near him, he vanished immediately. Mad or sane, he lived as he wanted to live, and who should rebuke him?

The story of Karen Morgan is somewhat parallel, but in this case there is tragedy, very dark tragedy. Desmond Lockwood liked his strange home, but the girl's home was a hell. Not a hell thrust upon her, but one that she had taken to her bosom for herself. For 16 years she lived — if it could be called living — in her bedroom, and never came out, until the pitiful child came out dead.

There is no point in going over the details of the people who lived cheek by jowl with her and apparently did not notice the dreadful dying of Karen Morgan; suffice it to say that they must have been blind, deaf and stupid, until they noticed that she was dead.

But what about her relatives? Why

did they not notice? The answer is a terrible one, but one also that can be understood. The girl came from a working-class background; when their daughter became unhinged they did not immediately get in touch with the appropriate organisations. indeed they got in touch with nobody. Why? I said it was a working-class area; when their daughter became

> sponse was, in effect What will the neighbours say?" --and for 16 years Karen Morgan's parents hid the terrible truth, because "they were too ashamed to talk about it to anyone". Oh. great Heav-

en, when will such shame die out? The girl might - almost certainly could - have been saved. Saved, that is, from this:

She had been hidden from the world. suffering her own extreme personal torment in a bare first-floor bedroom. slept on the floorboards with a bucket for a lavatory and her food was left on a tray outside the door. Her brother mirrored her, he was

also psychiatrically ill; he too did not venture out into the world for ten years, and when Karen Morgan died, he tried to kill himself.

There's nowt so queer as folk. Karen Morgan suffered as far as suffering can go, and was overlooked. Would you swear that Mr X. whom I see frequently in my neighbourhood, is not burning in dreadful torment? Ridiculous! Is it? How do you know? And if you are certain that there are no chalk-marks on the blackboard, well, what about those people whom I pass without a glance? How do we - you and I - know that perfect outsides can be hell insides?

Where does the line run? And how far? A cheerful boy loses his job (but at a time when jobs are easily found) and walks into the darkness and stays there for the rest of his life. Nor does he chafe at the darkness; indeed. he lives with the darkness, and it is his lifeline, for what would he have been without television?

Where does the line run? And how

up the pitch in their hunt for

worms," says a Rugby Football

Union man. But we have caught

them humanely and released them

Another threat to the pitch -

a rash of field mushrooms -

has been simpler to solve. The groundsmen pick them and fry

Ivana Trump, the fabulously

wealthy beehive, is a lady who takes her wardrobe seriously. Even

in her present predicament, suffer-

ing from a sprained ankle, details

have to be just so. Too vain to use

crutches, she has taken to hopping

about New York in a strange, lop

ing manner dragging her leg in

plaster behind her. Not any old

plaster, mind you. She refused to

contemplate a regulation white

cast and opted instead for design-

er blue - with sequins.

into woodland areas."

them up for tea.

far? It does not run, apparently, with Karen Morgan, though it does run, happily, with Desmond Lockwood. A neighbour says: "It's a shame he chose to live like that. He missed out on such a lot." But did he? There is no sign of any newspaper in Desmond Lockwood's cave; can it be that he scorned not just the light and ordinary food, but everything that was going on in the real world? (Or what he would call the unreal world.)

nd the girl with the terrible fate? Was that ordained? For that matter, did Desmond Lockwood ever see or hear of Karen Morgan? And recipro-cally, did Karen Morgan ever cross the path of Desmond Lockwood? Does it matter? It might have mattered, if the two of them had been in the right place with the right words. For surely, if Desmond Lockwood had known the torments that Karen. Morgan was suffering, he would surely have tumbled out of his strange cage to help.

The word "hermit" is a somewhat

odd one. It is used, obviously, for someone who puts his head in the sand, but if we turn to the real meaning of the word, we find that it is almost always spoken warmly and with reverence. It is not surprising, because we have the image of a hermit in our minds: the cloak, the hat, the sandals, particularly the sandals - and of course those hermits who went on their Christian way barefoot. Surely there are hermits today

real ones? I wouldn't like to find them buzzing about in very small motorcars. But today I imagine that they keep their vows and do their good works (for who ever heard of a hermit who was a bully?) Would such a hermit clash with Desmond Lockwood and his strange hermitage? Or would our modern-day hermit turn immediately to do what he can for the tragic Karen Morgan? The latter,

There's nowt so queer as folk. (Not least when I recall that the word "queer" used to mean homosexual.) We come back to where we started; we cannot know what triggered off Desmond Lockwood into a true hermit, and I wish I could bring back to proper life the pitiful Karen Morgan. One thing we may be assured of: there will be more hermits, odd ones and terrible ones, and we shall never quite know which is which. Oh, yes, indeed; there's definitely nowt so queer as folk.

# Give talk a chance • in Ulster

Patrick Mayhew

says a consensus

is still possible

vents in Northern Ireland over the summer have shown that old prejudices can still erupt all too readily. In the past fortnight alone we have seen how destructive internal feuds can be - whether by way of death threats, murders or

punishment beatings.
Yet the chief desire of most people in Northern Ireland is for a true peace and political stability. If this can be achieved, so many other objectives become more easily attainable. Primacy in the search for peace and political stability must be given to democratic politics. A settlement acceptable to the majority on both sides of the community has to

That is a challenge I have always welcomed. Under the Prime Minister's determined leadership we have accepted political risks. Reverses have occurred. Yet we have been right to keep trying, and the net advance remains considerable. It is remarkable how widely this view is expressed. From a few reports one would think that everyone is saying we might as well give up. But they are not. Most want us to keep going.

T ltimately, any new political accommodation must be reached by consent. No such accommodation can be imposed from outside. The best means of expression can be found in local political structures, in which local politicians can

share real responsibility.

This is why our efforts have been concentrated on producing a mechanism to enable local representatives to come together. All the issues that they think germane to reducing the instability in Northern Ireland should be on the agenda.

It is very clear that these issues extend beyond the borders of Northern Ireland. Nationalists in the North wish to have their Irish identity acknowledged and recognised in any new arrangements. Unionists wish no less to have their British identity recognised. They see the Anglo-Irish agreement as a destabilising factor. It no less clear that most people in Northern Ireland wish to remain part of the United Kingdom, and I want to make it clear that it is a fact which we warmly welcome.

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These are the present realities. The broader the scope of the talks, the better the chances of reaching a successful conclusion. The negotiations should surely be as inclusive as is practicable within the basic democratic principle that participants should use only the force of argument, and not the force

Despite its political mandate, however. Sinn Fein cannot participate in the negotiations in the absence of an IRA ceasefire. Equally, if Sinn Fein does not, after entry into the political process, demonstrate a total and absolute commitment to the principles of democracy and non-violence set out in the report of the international body, its continued involvement cannot be accepted.

t would be a serious disappointment if Sinn Fein, or for that matter the loyalist parties, were to fail to fulfil the conditions for participation, but it would not mean that the talks would lose their validity.

Even if a political accommodation did not lead directly to an end to violence, it might still greatly reduce the alienation, exclusion, fear and uncertainty on which the men of violence feed. It would give honourable and fair-minded people a greater common interest in standing up to extremists on either side. Firm, effective and even-handed policing can make more progress towards the total elimination of terrorism.

As to any limitation on the agenda there should be none. Each participating party must have the right to set out and hold firm to points of principle, and to protect its key interests. All of this is reflected in the rules of procedure which the participants have now adopted. This is a crucially important advance. It has taken time, but it has been worthwhile.

Those taking part in the talks have settled upon a definition of agreement which is at once fair. imaginative and effective. They will make every effort to reach agreement by unanimity. But if that proves impossible they have agreed on a minimum standard of "sufficient consensus".

The key feature of sufficient consensus" is that it makes it impossible to secure any outcome from the talks which is unacceptable to a majority in either of the two main political traditions in Northern Ireand. Additionally, any outcome will be put to the people of Northern Ireland in a referendum. Hence "sufficient consensus" is both a safeguard and a challenge.

The talks process is the realistic way forward from a system of direct rule that denies local responsibility. and has obviously harmful conse quences for the politics in the Province. That is why the mood in Northern Ireland, and far mon-widely, is inclined to give talk a chance". When the multi-party talks resume next Monday, we shall be doing just that.

P·H·S | Sir Patrick Mayhew is Secretary State for Northern Ireland. Sir Patrick Mayhew is Secretary of

# In the swim

PROJECT NORMA, the Government's bold attempt to field the Prime Minister's wife as a secret weapon for the election campaign. is to annex the airwaves. To win the hearts of the nation, Norma Major has taken Radio 4 on a tour of Chequers, during which she confesses to a personal failing. She has only just learnt to swim using water wings.

In Inside Chequers, to be broadcast this month. Norma suggests that she can now swim like a dolphin after lessons in the swimming pool at Chequers: "I have learnt to

swim since I have been here."
Linda Lally, head of the staff of
Wrens at Chequers, elaborates: "I couldn't claim credit for teaching her to swim, because she taught herself," she says. "But I was there with her, because we do have a rule that you have to be with someone in the pool

She started initially with floats and one of those boards and then got into the water wings. She let a little bit of air out each day then eventually she cracked it. It was really nice. She enjoys going for her early morning swims.

No mention is made in the programme of the Prime Minister's own aquatic exploits, but the broadcast does reveal that Margaret Thatcher had a predilection for a special custard produced by the

head chef at Chequers. There is also talk of Boris Yeltsin's sleeping problems when he visited. The bed he slumbered in at Chequers, previously used by Stalin's right-hand man Molotov, was too small for his corpulent frame. It had to be rebuilt to hold the Russian leader.



● They'll be hanging out bunting in No 10 next week when John Major reaches a milestone in his parliamentary career. Tuesday, September 10, will mark his 2,114th day in Downing Street the half-way mark along the road to Margaret Thatcher's 4.227 days.

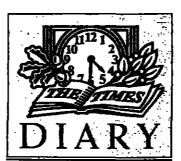
# Chauffinism

AN EXTRAORDINARY rumour concerning the very serious actor Ben kingsley is doing the rounds backstage. kingsley has just star-ted filming a movie called *Photo*graphing Fairies at Ealing Stu-dios, where he has been given the use of a driver.

The story goes that the driver can't get Kingsley's name right. He keeps calling him Bill, not Ben. And Kingsley, being a very un-Bill sort of person, has taken such offence that he has asked for a new driver. Vigorous denials of the tale from the production company have yet to kill this ridiculous rumour-

# On the nose

GRIPPING news for readers of the new Punch, which was relaunched at a very sweaty party full of journalists at Harrods on Wednesday. The magazine's proprietor. Moha-



med Al Fayed, may yet contribute editorially. "Yes, I may write something when I have it up my sleeve," he threatened.

Al Fayed was in good heart, despite an act from Rory Bremner touching on a matter close to the Egyptian's heart: his rejected ap-plications for British citizenship. Some are born great." said Bremner, "some achieve greatness, and some are still waiting for a let-ter from the Passport Office."

# Pitch in

NEWS that the five nations' championship will now take place this season will cheer the groundsmen at Twickenham, who have had their work cut out of late after an invasion of foxes. "We have had a bit of a problem

with them getting in and digging

Hanky ready DRAMATIC NEWS. Dame Diana Rigg's daughter Rachel Stirling, a 19-year-old student of Russian

and the history of art at Edinburgh University, is taking to the stage this month in her first leading role. Theatre in London - a role she has

She will play Desdemona in the National Youth Theatre's production of Othello at the Bloomsbury



been shaping up for ever since she took the star turn as Mary in a na-tivity play opposite a Joseph she simply couldn't stand. Rachel has been taking tips from

her Mum. "She gave me the script of Othello for my birthday, with lots of Post-it notes offering suggestions about posture and things." she says. "I do take her advice when I agree."

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'Stable future' for

Sir, I was surprised that Libby Purves

should suggest that the group advis-ing on the future of the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, which I chaired

and whose report was not as she says.

a "government report", virtually ig-

nored the National Maritime Mu-

seum ("Greenwich is still in peril."

September 4). In fact the report pro-posed that the museum should be in-

volved in future arrangements and

that some of its collection of paintings

and artefacts should be displayed in

that the museum should - as it wish-

ed - be directly responsible for the

Painted Hall and the chapel. This res-

ponsibility, we felt, should rest with

the charitable trust which is to take on

a head lease of the Royal Naval Col-

lege with the tasks of securing public

access to the site and of ensuring its

preservation as a whole. The trust

may of course use the museum as an

agent for managing the Painted Hall.

I have every confidence that the

University of Greenwich, which was

the only organisation to submit detail-

ed plans supported by adequate fund-

ing for occupying the four central

blocks of the college, will offer a stable

and coherent future for this magnifi-

cent complex of buildings. The pro-

posed use will be almost the same as

now and require little alteration to the

I believe that the university and the

museum, working in close partner-

ship as they intend, will have a unique

opportunity to create a centre of inter-

national importance for maritime re-

search and studies in London's archi-

tectural masterpiece by the Thames.

2 Kensington Park Gardens, WII.

From the Reverend Basil Watson

Sir, Your report (September 3) on

what I regard as the continuing sham-

bles in the arrangements for the fu-

ture of the Royal Navy College at Greenwich fill me with the sort of dis-

may that only such a botched-up job

no heart for what so many cherish as

our stirring maritime tradition; and

National Heritage reveals little con-

The Ministry of Defence clearly has

Yours faithfully. JENNIFER JENKINS,

but that must be for them to decide.

We did not, however, recommend

Naval College

From Dame Jennifer Jenkins

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August 31.

Sir. The richly deserved tributes to Phyllis Pearsall (Obituary, August 29) highlight the contrast between the excellence of modern A-Z street maps and the inadequate signing of the

streets themselves. At most street corners you will be able to discover fairly easily the name of the side street you are passing. But will you be able to discover the name of the main road you are already on?

Yours sincerely

DONALD TEBBIT.

## Unholy risk

From the Reverend David Smith Sir, Alan Coren is not alone (article, September 4). I, too, was refused home insurance by a "direct" company after I told them my house could occasionally be used for meetings of Anglican clergy. Are they confusing a house of prayer" with a "den of

I am now insured by Ecclesiastical.

# THE TIMES

# **HEART AND HEAD**

Mr Yeltsin is unwise to add to Russia's succession jitters

In old-established democracies, evasiveness is a tolerated political vice - unedifying but rarely capable of serious harm. In a polity as unproven as that of Russia, it can be highly destabilising. One consequence of years of systematic official suppression of information is that when people realise they are being once more kept in the dark, they automatically suspect a malign conspiracy. in the two months since his remarkable election victory, Boris Yeltsin has been almost invisible and, still more tellingly, inaudible even when - notably over Chechenia - a presidential decision was indispensable. The announcement that he is to undergo heart surgery later this month has

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the great merit of levelling with the voters. Uncertainties of a different kind will not be so simply resolved. Mr Yeltsin has not been as inactive as he appeared to be during these weeks of relentless rumours. He has prepared the ground for this announcement carefully - notably by taking considerable, and characteristic, precautions to leave no one in the Kremlin a monopoly of the powers that he must inevitably delegate during what may well be a prolonged absence.

Some of these manoeuvres make sense. Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister. has been given clear authority to run the Government; but the key political figure in the coming months will be Anatoli Chubais. the economic reformer who did so much to ensure Mr Yeltsin's re-election and who has been appointed the Kremlin chief-of-staff.

The division of responsibilities between day-to-day government and political management is necessary because Russia's election season is not over. By law, all 89 regional governments in the Russian Federation must be democratically elected by the end of this year — and that means that in about 50 of them, elections are imminent. The Communists, who already dominate the Lower House of the federal Parliament, are geared for battle and Mr Chubais will have

his work cut out seeing them off. The results matter, both because uncooperative local bosses can sabotage reforms decided in Moscow and because the Upper House of the federal Parliament is made up of regional leaders. If the Communists sweep the board. Russia could become almost as ungovernable as it was before the showdown against Duma hardliners in 1993.

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By contrast, Mr Yeltsin's treatment of Aleksandr Lebed, the general he swept into the Kremlin as secretary of the Security Council last June, shows how little the highly personalised nature of Kremlin power struggles has been transformed by electoral democracy. The creation of a new Defence Council, in which Mr Lebed is only one of several voices, was a prudent reaction to the former general's early, rash demands for ever wider powers. The same cannot be said for Mr Yeltsin's devious undermining of Mr Lebed's efforts to end the Chechenia conflict.

Whatever doubts Mr Yeltsin and his Government may have about the referendum Mr Lebed has offered on Chechenia's eventual status, that lies five years into the future. The immediate need, for the Russian military, for the republic's Chechen and many Russian citizens and for the Russian economy, is to end an unwinnable, unpopular and inordinately expensive conflict.

Mr Lebed has come close to a breakthrough, only to be humiliated by Mr Yeltsin's decision this week to heap honours on General Anatoli Kulakov, the Interior Minister whose troops have made such brutally incompetent work of handling the Chechen crisis. The President is all too obviously motivated by succession jitters. That can only make Russians more nervous. just when they need to be convinced that an effective, united Government is there to take the political strain. Mr Yeltsin has been brave about his health; but about his political future. he is showing himself as

When an English architect changed the boundaries of Europe

There are people to whom numbers talk, to whom the profit or loss in a page of figures is as clear as a friendly voice. There are people Some crack military codes: others are the

The name of Michael Ventris, architect, King Minos, his labyrinth and maybe even his Minotaur, were suddenly within reach.

once more about what had mattered to them, their accounts, their weapons, their

wick, used techniques which had been developed for tracking U-boats. They stared most frequently occurring symbols and, while many scholars had failed to see a were false. Ventris saw the truth: Linear B was the earliest known form of Greek. The symbols belonged to the earlier Minoan civilisation of Crete, the people famed for Minos their king, the Minotaur his nasty pet, and the labyrinth where the pet ate the

ment met fierce conservative resistance, notably in Germany, Scotland and Greece itself. Only later, when the word for a threelegged cauldron coincided indisputably with a picture, were the doubters stilled. Some of the most rabidly sceptical remained so for

bureaucratic and the domestic. Although we can read the words for "total" and "deficit", "sheep-pen" and even "labyrinth", the most significant parts of the tablets were always the parts denoting numbers. No poetry has ever been found; while subsequent decipherers have sought literature in the mysterious Phaistos Disc and other Cretan tablets still uncracked, none has had

Ventris, aged 34, was killed in a car crash on the Great North Road.

# **TIME LORDS**

The Gaullist French Government elected last year has broken the habit of consulting its neighbours and partners about anything and everything. Not content with displays of proud independence over the Middle East, the Prime Minister, Alain Juppé, has now abruptly decreed that France will be temporally semidetached from the rest of the continent. The country's clocks will not go forward each spring. Summertime travellers crossing the Rhine between France and Germany will reset their watches as they cross the river.

To outsiders, it might seem a little perverse for France to be opting out of single European time when its Government is so doggedly insistent that it will be at the rendezvous for the single European currency. But the political heirs of General de Gaulle scorn such quibbles. For 30 years after the war and throughout de Gaulle's years in power. France shared Britain's summertime and stayed an hour behind its other neighbours. If it was good enough for the General, it is good enough for the 1990s. M Juppé should beware. People who rinker with Europe's clocks tend to be either evangelists, German generals or disappointed energy savers: all have chafed at the restrictions of a discipline which did not

Republican Calendar which abolished weeks, Sundays and traditional nomencla-

ture. The system was in use only six years. More than a century after Benjamin Franklin first floated the idea in a whimsical moment in 1784, a London builder called William Willets urged Britain to adopt summertime. Willets's scheme was both logical and daft, a combination which tends to recur among people obsessed with improving time zones. Willets wanted to advance 80 minutes each spring in four separate changes of 20 minutes each. By the time his scheme was rejected by the House of Commons, the plan had been simplified to

a single change of an hour. At the height of the First World War and rest of Western Europe. But an extra hour of

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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# Whose responsibility is it to fund the performing arts?

From Mr Robert Ponsonby

Sir, It is noticeable that in sport and athletics we do rather badly because of seriously inadequate funding, while in the performing arts we do exceedingly well despite seriously inadequate funding.

To that extent we must welcome the pledge from Mary Allen, Secretary-General of the Arts Council ("Why we've relented", Arts, and leading article, September 3) that it will fight for the restitution of cuts in government grants and for the principle that lottery money must never replace state

But what a mealy-mouthed statement it was in other respects. When literally hundreds of our musicians, actors and dancers live in recurrent uncertainty on low and fluctuating incomes, the Arts Council can think of nothing better than to set aside about £5 million - a small and suspect sum as your leading article the same day suggests - for the pilot phase of a "stabilisation programme" from which no more than 15 organisations will benefit.

In September next year the council will "consider a full programme". One wonders how many orchestras and theatre and dance companies will have gone under by then.

There is a crisis in the performing arts and the Arts Council should forthwith establish an emergency fund (deriving from lottery money). Then, when a breathing space has been secured, it should develop a strategy for revenue funding, again through the lottery. And, at this stage,

Sir. It is a trifle rich for a Conserva-

tive, Mr John E. Strafford (letter, Sep-

tember 2), to describe the Labour Par-

ty's internal workings as a "sham

democracy". The Labour Party has a system of

one member, one vote which empow-

ers every party member. Individuals

can vote for the party leader, represen-

tatives on the national executive and

parliamentary candidates. We are in

the middle of a process which will give

up to 400,000 party members a say on

the election manifesto. Labour is even

releasing the names of business do-

By contrast, Conservative Associa-

tion members cannot vote for the par-

ty leader, nor for candidates. The Tory

manifesto is drawn up in secret and

donations to the party are shrouded in secrecy. If Mr Strafford's Campaign

for Conservative Party Democracy is

demanding changes to party struc-

tures, he might start with a demand to

open Central Office accounts to public

(Labour prospective parliamentary

candidate for Billericay), 109 Hammersmith Bridge Road, W6.

scrutiny.

PAUL RICHARDS

Royal divorce

From Mr Jan Curteis

letters, September 51.

September 4.

openness (report, August 27).

Party democracy

From Mr Paul Richards

amateur bodies should not be eligible for support: our professionals must

Perhaps the most depressing aspect of Ms Alien's statement was that she never once mentioned the quality of the work our artists do, nor of the need to sustain and enhance that quality.

Yours faithfully, ROBERT PONSONBY (Director, Music, BBC, 1972-85), Flat 4,11 St Cuthbert's Road, NW2. September 3.

From Mr Desmond Longfield

Sir. My main concern over the new Arts Council proposals is that, once again, they favour the large over the small and the theatre over the concert

Music is very costly. Concerts are "one-off" events and their associated expenses are high. The cost of a London concert with orchestra is between £12,000 and £30,000. Ticket sales are unlikely to cover more than half, so the rest must be raised from sponsorship or corporate financial support.

As your report shows, such costs do not qualify for National Lottery grants at present, but the proposed rules outlined by Mary Allen would appear to perpetuate the exclusion of organisations, such as the one of which I am chairman, because of the minimum audience limit of 25,000 a year.

Our organisation has no fixed location, buildings or other capital assets on which to base an application for

**Innovation investment** 

Sir, The inadequacy of the current handling of innovation in Britain has

been highlighted in your columns in

recent weeks, as exemplified by the ex-

periences of Sir Frank Whittle and Sir

Christopher Cockerell (letters, August

15, 21, 26, September I). Now we need

to consider what can be done to im-

One specific proposal would be to

reform the tax treatment of research

and development (R&D) expenditure.

At present, there is no mechanism to

allow companies to roll forward funds

ment in R&D. Only current-year ex-

penditure is allowed. All other "pro-

fits" are immediately subject to cor-

poration tax. This is an absurdity, es-

pecially for high-technology industry, where the total product lifetime is of-

Funds need to be accumulated with-

in the company during the early years

of one product cycle, in order to devel-

op the successor. Expenditure is not

uniform over the life cycle - it is peak-ed heavily towards the end. Many in-

novative small companies in this

country never survive to produce a

From Professor George

D. W. Smith, FRS

prove the situation.

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ten about five years.

There should surely be a source of funding for the smaller organisations which form a major part of the musical activity of this country.

Yours faithfully, DESMOND LONGFIELD (Chairman, Corydon Orchestra and Singers Ltd), Paccombe Farm House Downton, Salisbury, Wiltshire. September 3.

From Professor Emeritus John Pick Sir, Mary Allen gives an appealing picture of the 800 organisations sharing £500 million in lonery grants, but it is a highly partial one. A truer pic-ture would also show the many groups which are spending vast amounts of time and money assembling a bid which meets the lottery's increasingly convoluted criteria, often losing their original vision in the process. It would show groups which have been successful in their bids now desperately trying to attract matching funds from the increasingly barren private sector.

Ms Allen is right to say that, for most arts organisations, costs are rising and revenue shrinking. What she might have added is that increased costs are partly caused by the need to pay the army of officers, advisers, consultants and assessors that has sprung up to service the lottery, and whose ministrations are now inseparable from making a lottery bid.

Yours faithfully, JOHN PICK Willow Cottage 20 High Street, Sutton on Trent, Newark, Nottinghamshire. September 3.

Present tax rules are a key reason for this. Paradoxically, there are excel-

lent mechanisms for siphoning funds out of companies (eg. tax-exempt pension funds) and on the capital account side there is an entrepreneurs allowance which aids the buying and selling of small companies. But at present

there is no equivalent allowance on

the revenue account, although a

scheme parallel to that for the capital account would be very easy to devise. A proposal to allow deferment of taxation on profits derived from R&D which are reinvested in such expenditure was put to the House of Commons Standing Committee D in March 1995 by Mr Stephen Timms, was withdrawn after the Financial

Secretary to the Treasury, Sir George

Young, promised to keep the whole matter under review. Nothing has been heard of it since. It's time to take another look at this. Which political party will be first to offer assistance to UK companies (especially smaller enterprises) to innovate?

Yours sincerely GEORGE SMITH University of Oxford, Department of Materials, Parks Road, Oxford. September 2.

## At arm's length

second-generation product.

From Mr David Montrose

Sir, It may have been amusing that Mr J. R. Thompson's florist used the same traditional method to measure out six metres of ribbon, as she would Sir, I am very much saddened by the previously have done to measure out peevish tone of some of your correspondents who write today about the six yards (letter, September 2): but I Prince of Wales's future [see also, bet she charged him for the non-existent twenty or so inches (or fifty-oneand-a-bit centimetres) extra. Yours faithfully, DAVID MONTROSE,

30 Caverswall Road.

ed when measuring.

an outstretched arm.

Yours sincerely, A. OSBALDISTON,

Cleobury Mortimer,

September 3.

Kinder, Pinkham Lane,

From Mr John E. Collins

Kidderminster, Worcestershire.

September 2

Blythe Bridge. Staffordshire.

Sir, Mr John Thompson may have got

six yards or six metres of ribbon de-

pending on the way the assistant look-

A yard's length was frequently mea-

sured from the tip of the nose, when

looking straight ahead, to the end of

If the assistant liked you they often

looked away from the outstretched

arm - one metre; or alternatively, if

they disliked you, looked towards the

outstretched arm - less than a yard.

From Mr A. Osbaldiston

I urge them to base their judgment not on how the media present him, but on his own words. His book, A Vision of Britain, ostensibly about architecture but in effect an extended metaphor and blueprint of his values as our future King; the actual wording of his speeches and articles, not how some sections of the press dish them up: and his diaries as quoted in David Dimbleby's biography - all mark him out as the most intelligent and cultivated member of the Royal Fam-ily, certainly since Prince Albert and probably since Charles I.

He is an exceptional man in an exceptional job and we are lucky far bevond our deserts to have him.

Yours truly. IAN CURTEIS, The Mill House, Coln St Aldwyns, Cirencester, Gloucestershire. September 3.

From Mr Martin Lyth

souverir edition of your supplement, Coventry of a century of motoring. we should not forget the cost.

ain and 30 million people injured. How can we be so complacent about these figures whilst headlines

by a dozen deaths that may have been due to "mad cow" disease? Measures are urgently needed to reduce the appalling human cost of mo-

Yours faithfully.

Sir, A florist friend of mine was told by the local weights and measures inspector that the scratched one metre marks on his counter were not acceptable, even though his ribbon was sold in yards and measured in metres to avoid overcharging.

When the florist pointed out that the cost of the required regulation-stamped brass metre measure would take a couple of years to recoup with the small amount of ribbon he sold, the inspector advised that there was no need to use a standard measure; ribbon could be sold by "the length".

Now my friend uses the original scratched marks on his counter and tells the customer that they represent one length - all perfectly legal apparently.

Yours sincerely, JOHN E. COLLINS,

# Irish conservation

From Mrs F. M. Patterson

Sir, I feel I must reply to remarks by Michael Harrington, Chairman of Cork County Council, about "foreigners" who have objected to new developments in the Beara peninsula. Co Cork (report, August 26).

I am not a foreigner - I was born and educated on the West Coast - but I feel exactly as these "blow-ins" do. I visit Co Sligo as often as possible

and am appalled at the number of new "eyesores" - snow-white Spanish-style bungalows with arches, which seem to spring up like mushrooms. They sit out so prominently on the most picturesque locations.

in contrast, right on the coast of Sligo, in Yeats country, there are some beautifully restored houses and old school houses, which Germans have worked long and hard to make into

beautiful homes. There must be some control on the siting of these new monstrosities. On this issue I am entirely on the side of anyone who is trying to protect our beautiful countryside.

Yours sincerely, F. M. PATTERSON. Carrickfergus, Co Antrim.

## ID card security

From Mrs Jill Paton Walsh

Sir, Ann Widdecombe's reassurances about the security of the new identity cards (letter, September 4) are very far from reassuring. We are to be asked to carry cards bearing encoded information which we cannot ourselves read?

Before we create the means for a detailed and unchallengeable surveillance, however benign the announced purpose of such a system, we should ask ourselves if we can think, in the course of history, of a single example of a power once created not used, once used not abused?

Yours sincerely.
JILL PATON WALSH, 72 Water Lane, Histon, Cambridge. September 4.

Letters to the Editor should exer-

cern for the glories of our Wren buildings or it would never leave the future financing of such a site to flimsy Greenwich is much too significant in our national life to get such cavalier treatment. It can never be too late,

surely, to think again from the beginring on an issue of such magnitude. Yours faithfully, BASIL WATSON

(Chaplain and History Tutor, Royal Naval College, 1952-55), 19 Straightsmouth, Greenwich, SEIO. September 3.

#### Berners on record From Mr Frederick Barker

Sir, "When did you last hear any Lord Berners?" asks Rodney Milnes (Arts. August 31). This morning, as it happens. There are now several CDs of Berners's inventive orchestral work (praised by Stravinsky) - and one hopes that there will soon be a re-issue of the record which collected a number of his diverse small-scale works such as an excellent polka for piano and the mock music-hall song, Come On, Algernon.

If his novels are curiosities, Berners's memoirs certainly make enjoyable reading and one would welcome an exhibition of his paintings. Such free-ranging spirits are all too rare nowadays.

Yours faithfully, FREDERICK BARKER, 41 Bagworth Road, Newbold Heath, Leicestershire.

#### Street signs From Sir Donald Tebbit

Not for miles!

Priory Cottage, Church Road, Toft, Cambridge. September 1.

Business letters, page 27 thieves? Yours sincerely,

MAN AND MINOTAUR

who solve anagrams in seconds and see the king's enemies. But the language was the original design in a long-neglected garden. one which would become that of Homer and

first to read messages from the past. wartime bomber navigator and designer of schools, is not much heard today. Yet, as a postwar amateur in a pool of sharp-toothed professionals, he pushed back the written origins of Europe: in 1952 he proved that unfamiliar scratches on 3,300-year-old Cretan clay tablets were Greek. The legendary

The prehistoric was suddenly part of history. The decipherment of Linear B was an inspirational act. It happened at around the same time as the first ascent of Everest and caught the same Coronation spirit. Before Ventris made his discovery the Mycenaeans were a speechless people known for their king. Agamemnon, their glorious golden treasures and a much-disputed place in mythology. After Ventris's pathbreaking "Work Note 20" the Mycenaeans became a people with a tongue; their tablets could tell

sheep and the rations for their slaves. Ventris, and his collaborator John Chadat the dull grey tablets, gave numbers to the pattern and some had seen patterns that the first European enlightenment. Like all radical visions, Ventris's decipher-

the rest of their lives. The subject matter of the Linear B tablets seems never to have extended beyond the

Ventris's instinct, fortune or eye.

The legacy of Michael Ventris includes the cadre of international scholars who have developed his work. Some are today discovering new tablets, showing how the unity of the Greek language extended over ever wider areas than previously thought. Some are identifying individual scribes who worked in the treasure-houses of Greek kings. Some work to understand the broader cultural boundary between the last Bronze Age years and the beginnings of classical civilisation. All of them, and many more besides, may wish to recall for a moment that, exactly 40 years ago today, Michael

# French ministers meddle with the clocks at their peril

as the days grew longer in 1916, Germany put its clocks forward an hour. Britain struck back and did the same; if workers rose an hour earlier, they could work for an hour without having to turn lights on. For the two years of Germany's incomplete occupation of France in the next war, its troops kept German summer time in the occupied zone; Vichy France stayed an hour behind. In the 1970s, President Giscard d'Estaing hoped to soften the impact of the oil crisis by a further shift into line with the Death on the roads

Sir, On August 31 you published a Car 96, marking the celebration in There is indeed cause to celebrate the ease and freedom of travel, undreamt of 100 years ago, and the employment that the car industry has created. But

This edition does not mention the escalating toll on the environment ie, that since August 17, 1896, there have been 500,000 road deaths in Brit-

are filled and governments are rocked toring.



## **COURT CIRCULAR**

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** September 5: The Duite of York, Patron, this evening attended a Dinner given by the Royal College of Ophthalmologists at the Gibson Hall, Bishopsgate, London EC2.

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** September 5: The Princess Royal this morning opened Archway Medical Practice's new Surgery at Prancis Street, Stornoway, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Western Isles (the Viscount Dunrossil).

Her Royal Highness later opened Scotia Holdings' new premises at Callanish Limited. breasclete, Isle of Lewis, Western

The Princess Royal, Patron, Citizens Advice Scotland, this afternoon visited Nairn Citizens Advice Bureau, 6 High Street, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Naim (the Earl

Her Royal Highness equently opened the new Loch Ness Harbour, Urquhart Bay, Drumnadrochit, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieu Inverness-shire (the Lord Gray

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE September 5: The Duke of Kent,

Colonel in Chief, the Devonshire and Dorset Regiment, this morning visited the Military Museum of Devon and Dorset, the Keep, Dorchester and was met on arrival by Major General Mark Bond (Vice Lord-Lieutepant of Dorset). His Royal Highness, Patron. this afternoon visited the Tank Museum, Bovington, and later, as President, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, opened the Har-bour Hospital, St Mary's Road,

#### Birthdays today

The Right Rev John Bickersteth, former Bishop of Bath and Wells, 75; Mr Mark Birch, jockey, 47; Mr B.G. Booth, Vice-Chancellor, University of Central Lancashire, 54; Mr Simon Burns, MP, 44; Mr Sherban Cantacuzino, former secretary, Royal Fine Art Com-mission, 68; Sir Derman Christopherson, FRS, former Vice-Chancellor, Durham University, 81; Sir Andrew Hugh Smith, former chairman, London Stock Exchange. 65; Sir John Johnson, former chairman. Countryside sion and former diplomat, 66; Mr Roger Knight, secretary, MCC, 50; Mr Roger Law, satirist and puppeteer, 55; Sir Colin McColl, former diplomat, 64; Mr George Mann, former chairman, TCCB, 79; Miss Monica Mason, ballerina. 55: Lord O'Hagan. 51: Sir Peter Pain, former High Court judge, 83; Sir James Stubblefield, FRS, geologist, 95; Mr J.R.C. Young, former rugby player and former chief executive, Securities and Investments Board, 59.

#### Today's royal engagements

The Duke of York will visit the Single Regeneration Budget for Portland Project at Victoria Square, Portland, Dorset, at 10.30; will open the Portland Family Centre, Castle Road, at 10.45; will open Brackenbury Infants' School and Community Nursery Unit, 3 Yards Close, Clovens Road, at 11.20; will open the Preston Beach sea defence scheme, Weymouth, at 12.30; and will open Bridport Fire Station, Sea Road South, at 2.00.

The Duke of Gloucester will visit the Prince William School, 11.30 to open new buildings and to mark the school's 25th anniversary; and, as Grand Prior of the Order of St John, will open the new Wellingborough St John Am bulance headquarters, Knox Road, at 2.30.

Future engagement The Oween and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit Lincoln to open the new University of Lincolnshire and Humberside on Friday, October 11.

## Luncheons

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster were the hosts at a luncheon held vesterday at Westminster Council House. Among those present were:

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SIr Sydney Samuelson, Mr
Robert Bone, Mr Ed Ram, Mr
Neville Sankey, Mr Dickle
Arbiter, Mr Peter Bolzot, Mr
Harry Davy, Mr Patrick Donovan,
Dr Jo Gipps, Mr Christopher
Hillion, Ms Penny Kennedy Scott,
Mr Nick Leslau, Mr Rupert
Rhymes, Ms Mirlam Sakoor, Mr
David Scott, Mr Peter Scutt, Mr
Edward Symons and Ms Annie
Walker.

National Sporting Club Mr Allan Lamb was the guest of rour and speaker at a luncheon of the National Sporting Club held terday at the Cafe Royal. Mr 

#### **Anniversaries**

Poole, Dorset.

BIRTHS: Marie-Joseph, Marquis de Lafayette, statesman and sol-dier, Chavagnac, France, 1757; John Dalton chemist and physicist, Englesfield, Cumbria, 1766; cist, Englesield, Cumoria, Iros; Sir Walford Davies, composer, Oswestry, Shropshire, 1899; John James Macleod, physiologist, pio-neer of insulin, Nobel laureate 1923, New Clunie, Tayside, 1876; Sir Edward Appleton, physicist, Nobel laureate 1947, Bradford, 1892.

DEATHS: Jean Baptiste Colbert, statesman, Paris, 1683; George Alexander Stevens, dramatist and songwriter, Baldock, Hertfordshire, 1784; King James II, reigned 1685-88, St Germains, France, 1701; Arthur Rackham, illustrator, Surrey, 1939; Gertrude Lawrence actress. New York. 1952; Hendrik Verwoerd, President of South Africa 1958-66, assassinated, Cape Town, 1966.

The Great Fire of London was finally extinguished, 1666. The first British telephone exchange opened in Lombard Street, London, 1879.

King Carol II of Romania abdicated, 1940. The kingdom of Swaziland in southern Africa gained its in-dependence, 1968.

#### Dinner

Air Force Board Mr Michael Portillo, Secretary of State for Defence, and Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Chief of the Air Staff, were the hosts at a dinner held last night at RAF Bentley Priory. Among those

The Hon Dominic Lawson, Field Marshal Str Peter Inge, Admiral Str Jock Slater, Sir Robert Walmsley, Str Charles Powell, Str Paul Condon, Air Chief Marshal Str Frederick Rosier, Air Chief Marshal S K Kareen, Dr Ian Perry, Mr Alan Curits and members of the Air Force Board.

#### Kensington **Preparatory** School GPDST

Kensington Preparatory School is to move to a new home and larger premises at Easter 1997. The Cirls Public Day School Trust has acquired the former Marist Convent School in the Fulham Road, London, which will be extensively modernised. Former pupils are velcome to revisit the School to hear about the new plans. They would also be welcome at the School's Carol Service on Tuesday, December 17 at 6.30cm.

Further details from the School on 0171 937 0108/9.

#### Royal College of **Ophthalmologists**

The Duke of York, Patron of the college, was guest of honour last conege, was guest of honour tast evening at a dinner held at the Gibson Hail, Bishopsgate Profes-sor Andrew Elkington, CBE, presi-dent of the college, welcomed the guests and Sir Kenneth Calman, Chief Medical Officer, responded on behalf of the guests.



#### Mr Jeremy Sinden

A service to celebrate the life and work of Mr Jeremy Sinden, actor, was held yesterday at St Paul's, Covent Garden. The Rev Michael Hurst-Bannister officiated, assisted by Canon John Hester, Mr Andrew Hawkins, Mr John Green, Mr Jeremy Nicholas, Sir Jeremy Child, Mr Simon Williams, also representing the Actors'
Charitable Trust, Mr Daniel Massey and Mr Alan Bennett paid tribute.

The Covent Garden Singers and the Bunny Band from The Wind in the Willows also took part in the service. Among others present

were:
Mrs Sinden (widow), Miss Kezia and
Harriet Sinden (daughters), Mr and
Mrs Donald Sinden (father and
mother), Mr and Mrs Mare Sinden
(brother and sister-in-jaw), Mr and
Mrs Jonathan Lindsay (brother-injaw and sister-in-jaw), Mr Brian
jackson, Mr Mark Davies, Mr and
Mrs Derek Davies Mr and Mrs
Nicholas Jenkins, Mr and Mrs Robin
Sheriock, Mr John Reeve and other
members of the family.

Lady Denham Lord Howe of

members of the family.

Lady Denham, Lord Howe of Aberavon CH, QC, and Lady Howe, Lady Archer of Weston-super-Mare, Lord and Lady Hastings, Lady Elizabeth Clyde, the Hon Michael Attenborough, the Hon Angus and Mrs Sinclair, Lady Child, Sir Edward and Lady Piciering. Sir Sydney Samuelson, Lady (Brian) Bassford. Sir Geoffrey and Lady Cass, Sir Eddle Kolukundis, Lady (Reginald) Eyes, Mr Michael Williams and Dame Judi Dench.

Dench.

Miss Lucy Fleming, Mr and Mrs Marius Goring, Mr Tony Britton, Mr David Jacobs, Mrs Paul Schofleid, Mr Peter Bowies, Miss Paula Wilcox, Mr and Mrs Bill Greaves, Mr Bill Lucas, Mr Geoffrey G Gilbert, Mr and Mrs Ian Wallace, the Rev Edward and Mrs Thompson, Mr Iames Cellan-Jones, Miss Jennifer Aylmer, Mr Richard Briers, Mr Harold French, Mr Tony Hart, Mr and Mrs Jeffrey Shine, Mrs Julian Fellowes,

Berkhamsted Collegiate School

Berkhamsted Collegiate School

incorporates Berkhamsted School and Berkhamsted School for Girls

from the start of this academic year. The Michaelmas Term be-

gins today and finishes on Decem-

ber 19. Dr Priscilla Chadwick

becomes Principal and Dr Helen

Brooke and Dr Paul Neeson

become Deputy Principals. Charles Boddam-Whetham (Cox's)

is Head of School, and Louise

Ryder (Ashby) and Sandeep Shetty

(Swifts) are Deputies. Laura

Doggett is Head Girl and her

Deputy is Emily Hayes. Prize-

giving takes place on October 14

and the Chief Guest and Speake

will be Sir Anthony Cleaver, OB.

Chairman of the United Kingdom

Atomic Energy Authority. The

Founder's Day Service will be held on October 18 at 11.00am in St Peter's and the address will be given by the Right Rev Chris-topher Herbert, Bishop of St

Albans, Certificate Evening will take place on November 29 at

8.00pm with presentations by the

Principal. The School Carol Service will be held in St Peter's on

December 15 at 7.30pm. There will

be an Open Afternoon for prospec-tive pupils and parents on Friday.

Brockhurst and Mariston House

Preparatory Schools, Newbury

Autumn Term began on Wednes

day. Joint Senior Prefects are

James Buckley and Alexander

Clements. Bonfire Night is on

November 9 and the Carol Ser-

vices are on December 12 and 13.

The Lady Eleanor Holles School,

Hampton, Middlesex Full term began on Thursday.

September 5, with 903 girls in the

further details please 01442 863236 or 862168.

tember 27, from 2.00pm. For

ase telephone

# Memorial service

Mr Peregrine Fellowes, Ms Maureen Stapleton, Mr Frank Stapleton, Mr Royce Ryton and Miss Morar Kennedy, Mr and Mrs P Davies, Mrs Ray Cooney, Ms Dorothy Phillips, Kennedy, Mr and Mrs P Davies, Mrs Ray Cooney, Ms Downtry Phillips.

Mr Ken Woodward, Mr and Mrs Windsor Davies, Mr Vincent Powell, Mr Ian Lister, Mr And Mrs Owen Holder, Mr Simon Holder, Mr Simon Holder, Mr Richard Pasco and Miss Barbara Leigh-Hunt, Mr and Mrs Michael Bridge, Robin Bridge, Dr and Mrs B G Smith, Mr Richard Bebb, Mr Henry Magee, Mr and Mrs John Chapman, Mr John Lindsay, Mr Julian Glover and Miss Isla Ballr, Mr Trewor Bannister, Mr and Mrs Peter Cooper, Mr Christopher Cooper, Miss Alexandra Cooper, Mr Colin Presige, Mrs M Cranston, Mr Keith Jeefley, Mr M C Whitby, Mr Michael Cocinane and Miss Belinda Carroll, Mr Jasper Ru, Miss Maria Charies.

Mr Edward Clayton, Miss Zoe

Miss Maria Churles.

Mr Edward Clayron, Miss Zoe
Dominic, Mr and Mrs Terence
Morgan, Mr Geoffrey Palmer. Mr
Don Anderson, Ms Kare Searle, Mr
and Mrs A Doré, Mr John Hartley,
Miss Jo Rendail, Dr and Mrs Kelfb
Rogers, Mr and Mrs J Chaills, Mr
Arthur Crook, Mr Greville Poke, Mr
and Mrs Derek Bond, Mr and Mrs
Alfred Shaughnessy, Mr and Mrs
John Phillips, Mrs J W Lambert, Mr
John Cater and Miss Wendy Gilford,
Mr Ian Liston, Mr Richard Batten,
Mr and Mrs John Gale, Mr and Mrs
David Whitworth, Mr Kenneth
Snowman, Mr Laurence Harrington,
Mr and Mrs Leonard Boden. Miss
Dinah Sheridan, Mr John McCallum
and Miss Googie Withers.

Mr Brian Murphy, Mr Derek

and Miss Googie Withers.

Mr Brian Murphy, Mr Derek
Barnes, Mr John Price, Mr Nunc
Willoox, Mr Richard Harwood, Mr
and Mrs Ian Carmichael, Mr and
Mrs Roy Purcell, Mr Frank Williams,
Miss Muriel Pavlow, Mr and Mrs
Alastair McAlpine, Ms Jill Meliord,
Mr and Mrs Stanley Black, Mr and
Mrs G Gilbert, Mr Charles Caste, Ms
Valerie McDougall, Mr Timothy
West, Mr and Mrs Hugh Best, Mr
Edward Fox. Miss Angela Thorne, Mr
Damian Whitworth, Mr Michael
Chariton, Mr Gordon Mayo, Miss
Susan Mayo, Miss Janet Mayo, Mr

school. The Head Girl is Vian

Sharif and her deputies are Steph-

anie Connor and Rosalind Dry-

den. Prizegiving will be on the afternoon of Tuesday, November

Sally Harnwee. The Half Term holiday is from Monday, October

21, until Friday, November L The

Sixth Form Entrance Examination

will be held this year on Saturday,

November 30. The Junior Carol

Service will take place on Decem-ber 13, and the Senior Carol

ends on Wednesday, December 18.

Northwood College, Northwood,

This term, Miss Jacqualyn Pain

joins the College as Deputy Head Mistress. Victoria Shires is Head

Girl. Chièe Robinson Assistant

Head Girl. Open Morning will be

held on Saturday, October 12. The College production of Romeo and

Juliet will take place on November

27, 28 and 29. The Guest of Honour

at Speech Day on December 17 is

Charles Pollard, QPM, LLB, Chief

Constable of Thames Valley Police.

The Autumn term began on

Wednesday, September 4. The Head Girls are Victoria Gallagher and Elizabeth Kennerley. Open

Morning for parents of prospective pupils is on Saturday, September 21, and Assessment Day for 1997

entrants on Saturday, October 5. Sixth form scholarship examina-

tions take place on Monday and Tuesday, November 11 and 12.

Term ends with the Carol Services

on Tuesday, December 10.

rvice on December 16. Term

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and Mr Geoffrey Spence, Mr and Mrs Ivor Guest. Mr Jack Watting Mr Rodney Timson and Miss Penelope Keith, Mr David Crosse, Dr Richard Manquis-Hirsch, Mrs Wendy Trewin, Mrs Sonia Stock, Miss Penny Stock, Mr Richard Vanderpump, Mr Martin Munosster, Mr and Mrs Peter Lord, Mr David Goodbart, Mr Christopher Good Mr Jeffry

Mr and Mrs Peter Egan, Mr Peter Wilson, Mr Paul Chapman, Mr Peter Wilson, Mr Paul Chapman, Mr Peter Wilson, Mr Paul Chapman, Mr Paul Kiernan, Mr Barry Howard, Mr Jonathan Hartman, Mr Jonathan Lyons, Mr and Mrs Lesile Phillips, Mr Peter Geddis, Mr and Mrs Rodney FitzGerald, Mr Michael Gracz, Mr Noel Davis, Mr Robert Bruce, Mr and Mrs Frank Thomson, Mr Neville Price, Ms Kate Griffin, Ms J Meyrick, Rrigadier P C C Trousdell, Mr Julian Fellowes, Mr Simon Raison, Mr Ken Thomson, Mr Sebastian Graham-Jones, Mr and Mrs Tony Hayes, Ms Dorodry Stration, Mr Bryan Magee, Miss Tansy Blake, Mr Stephen Turnet.

Miss rain Mrs Inke Rinner, Mr Patrick Sandford, Mr Glen Hayes, Mr Tim Satcheil, Ms Geraldine FitzGerald, Mr Derek Granger, Ms Carole Latymer, Mr and Mrs Sheridan Morley, Mr Norman Berlis, Mr Sean Anita, Mr Rodney West, Mr David Stoll, Mr David Croft, Mr Glies Brandreth, MP, Miss Rosalin Boxall, Ms Moira Redmond, Ms Jenny Oulton, Mr Richard Hampton, Mr Ted Wilson, Mr Nick Phillips, Mr Colln S Wills, Mr Michael Rudman, Mr Julkin Ashby, Mrs Moray Wasson, Ms Gillian Diamond, Ms Wanda Yentham, Mr and Mrs Lesle Phillips, Miss Polly Adams, Mr

Royal Grammar School,

Royal Grammar School, Worces-

ter, is starting the academic year with a new pre-preparatory school.

Right Rev Philip Goodrich, Bishop

of Worcester, on Friday, Septem-

ber 20. Plans to produce a register

of former pupils are well under-way. Old boys who have not been

receiving newsletters from the

School in recent years are invited

to contact Mr Ian Matthew at the

Term has begun. Timothy Greaves

(Sing's) is Head of School and Camilla Byrte (Corie) and Robert

Aspinall (Segar's) are Deputy Heads of School. This term's

School production is Rags and it

will be performed on Thursday,

November 28, Friday, November 29, and Saturday, November 30.

The Commemoration Concert will

be held on Friday, November 22.

Carol Services will be held on

Sunday, December 1. There will be

an OSE Special Gaudy (September

1966 to May 1971 entry) on Sat-

urday, September 14. There will be an Open Morning for Shells and

Open Afternoon for Lower Sixth on Sanrday, September 21. The Lower Sixth Scholarship Entry Examination will be held on

Friday, November I and the Lower

Sixth Entrance Assessment Day on Saturday, November 2. Term ends on Saturday, December 7.

Saint Felix School, Southwold,

Term began on Thursday, Septem

ber 5, 1996. As the School ap-

St Edward's School, Oxford

Worcester

School

School news

Robert Mitchell, Mir Peter Oliver, Ms Heather Gordon. Mr Roger Briteriey, Mr and Mrs Jon Wynne-Tyson. Mr Graham Crowden, Ms Kliyo, Mr and Mrs Jon Wynne-Tyson. Mr Graham Crowden, Ms Kliyo Black. Mr Bob Goody. Ms Charmaine Parsons, Mr Dominick Harrod. Mr Paul Gaine, Miss Moira Lister, Mr and Mrs Paul Elitott, Mr and Mrs Terence Feely. Mr Brian Masters.

Ms Vivian Elliott, Mr and Mrs Terence Feely. Mr Brian Masters.

Ms Vivian Elliott, Mr and Mrs Terence Feely. Mr Brian Masters.

Ms Vivian Elliott, Mr and Mrs Reading (Society of Theatre Research). Mr Ian McGarry (general secretary). British Actors. Equity Association) with Mr Peter Finch (assistant general secretary) and Miss Carla Hanrick (equity furstee); Mrs Rosemary Stevens (general secretary, Actors Benevolent Fund) with Ms Barbara (tott and Mr Philip Bioomfield. Ms P Barnard (LAMDA). Mr Lynton Black (D'Oyly Carte Opera Company). Mr Andrew Leigh (the Old Vic). Miss P Lawrance (chairman, Ashcroft Theatre Club). Mrs Iris Arien (chairman, Vic-Weils Association). Mrs Lisa Parkes (Walton Theatre Collection). Mrs Iris Arien (chairman, Vic-Weils Association). Mrs Lisa Parkes (Walton Theatre Children's Programmes), Ms M Roy (RSC), Mr Anthony Butcher, OC. (Garrick), the Very Rev Christopher Campling. Mr Dennis Day and Mr and Mrs John Bed (Lancing College). Mrs Barbara Whalley and Mr Hugh Manning (Evelyn Norris Trust) Mr Ken Sephton and Miss Anne Suter (Gallery Firs Nighters). Mr Robin Barnec (Club for Actors and Concent Artister Association). Mr Patrick Newley and Mr Peter Hepple (Stage and Tr Today) and representatives of the Church of St Mary-Le-Strand, the Royal Theatrical Charities, the Mander and Milchenson Theatre Collection, the Green Room Club, the Inshibited Complined Theatrical Charities, the Mander and Milchenson Theatre Collection, the Green Room Club, the Inshibited Theatre Complany and the Savoy Theatre).

Professor Tony Challis

A Memorial Thanksgiving for Professor Tony Challis, CBE, will take place on Monday, September 23, 1996, at 4.00pm, at St John's Smith Square, London SWI. All friends and colleagues will be

proaches its Centenary in January

1997. Old Felicians and their

parents should phone or write for a

programme of events which will begin on March 8, Saint Felix Day,

with a Chapel Service and OF

Activities weekend. The Mansion

House dinner dance is on April 25;

a Centenary Promenade Concert with English Sinfonia in the

grounds of Glemham Hall is on

June 28 and the "Centenary Night"

dance is at Saint Felix School on

St Francis' College, Letchworth

The Autumn Term at St Francis'

College began on Monday, September 2 and ends on Friday, December 13. The College

congratulates all the girls on their

excellent public examination re-

sults. Prizegiving will be held on Friday. September 20 and the guest of honour will be the Rev Mary Robins, an Honorary Assis-

tant Priest at St James' Church,

Piccadilly. The College is holding

an Open Day on Friday, October II and the Senior School production

of Stepping Out will be held on

Friday, December 6 and Saturday,

December 7, in the College The-

atre. The Annual Carol Service will take place on Tuesday, December 10 in the College

St Lawrence College in Thanet

Michaelmas Term began on Tues-day. September 3. Mark Slater, MA. is the new Headmaster, upon

the retirement of John Binfield,

MA. Simon Rice is Head of School

and Sarah Grainger Head Girl.

The Friends of St Lawrence Au-

tumn Supper is on Friday, October 18. The School Play is La Leçon by

Eugene Ionescu and the Choir will

perform Dido and Aeneas on Friday and Saturday, November 22 and 23.

Chapel.

October 11, 1997.

# Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.R.A. Carter and Ms J.K. Young

TONY WHITE

The engagement between Charles, only son of Mr and Mrs C.G.R. Carter, of Eastbourne. East Sussex, and Jennifer, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J.D. Maltman, of Salehurst, East Sussex.

Mr R.I. Colville
and Miss E.M. White
The engagement is announced
between Robert John, eder son of the late Mr David Colville and of Lady Joan Colville, of Dorton. Aylesbury, and Elizabeth Mary, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs White, of Dulverton,

Mr A.S. Cook

and Miss P. Bailey
The engagement is announced
between Alastair, son of Dr and Mrs J.S. Cook, of Eastbourne, East Sussex, and Phillippa, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J.F. Bailey. of Ascott-under-Wychwood, Oxfordshire.

Captain G.R. Denison-Smith and Miss L.M.P. Stephenson The engagement is announced between Guy, son of Lieutenant-General Sir Anthony and Lady

Denison-Smith, of Gosfield, Essex, and Lucinda, daughter of Mr Tim Stephenson, of Amport. Hampshire, and Mrs Nerena Stephenson, of Didmarton, Gloucester-

Mr R.J. Duttou-Forshaw and Miss C. Gunn the engagement is announced between Jamie, younger son of Mr and Mrs Graeme Dutton-Forshaw, of Denham, Buckinghamshire, and Claire, elder

daughter of Mr and Mrs Douglas Gunn, of Far Oakridge, Glouc-Mr A.J. Florence and Miss A.L. Moro The engagement is announced between Anthony, elder son of Mr and Mrs A.J. Floreno, of New

daughter of Mr and Mrs F.A.

Moro, of Watford, Hertfordshire. Mr T.O.C. Harris

Jersey, USA, and Anna, you

and Miss E.K. Wood The engagement is announced between Torn, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Harris, of West Clandon, Surrey, and Elaine, daughter of Dr Michael Wood and Mrs Pamela Smith, of the Wirral.

Captain C.A. Jack and Miss A. Banyard

The engagement is announced between Cameron Alexander, only son of Mr and Mrs I.G. Jack, of Kent, and Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs P.H. Banyard, of

and Miss C.F. Barrett

The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs K.F. Lubienski, and Claire, elder daughter of Mr B.N. Barrett and Mrs C.T. Jowett, Mr C. Moor and Miss S.J. Prosser

The engagement is announced between Colin, youngest son of Mrs C.M. Moor and the late Major H. Moor, BEM, of Parkgate, Hampshire, and Sara Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.M. Prosser, of Locks Heath, Hampshire.

Mr J.F. Siddle and Miss J.Y. Drake

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs V.J. Siddle, of Hong Kong, and Jacqueline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs P.V. Drake, of Norwich, Norfolk, The marriage will take place on September 22, 1996.

Mr M.T. Steven

and Miss K.F. Wyles The engagement is announced between Matthew Thomas, elder son of Mr and Mrs Graham Steven, of Hartley Wintney, Hampshire, and Katie Fiona, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Maurice Wyles, of Millord-on-Sea. Hampshire.

Dr R.G. Warner and Miss C.P.M. Warrington The engagment is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs Alan Warner, of Croxley Green, Herifordshire, and Cather-ine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alastair Warrington, of Little

Witley, Worcestershire. Mr A.J. Whitamore

and Miss J.E.M. Davis The engagement is announced between John, son of the late Major Andrew Whitamore and of Mrs Brenda Whitamore, o(-Islington, London, and Janet, daughter of the late Mr Boyd Croft Davis and of Mrs Rosalie Davis, of Sandys Parish, Bermuda.

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#### Marriage

Mr G. Randall and Miss N. Harvey The marriage took place on Saturday, August 31, 1996, at St Andrew's Church, Moretonhampstead, of Mr Gary Randall, elder son of Mrs J. Randall, of Gisborne, and Mr J. Randall, of Auckland, New Zealand, and Miss Nicola Harvey, only daughter of Major and Mrs A. Harvey, Moretonhampstead, Devon.

The bride was attended by Anya and William Harvey, Miles Harvey and Nancy Best. Mr Roger

# Church news

Northwood, Middlesex.

Clergy appointments The Rev Richard Bellinger, NSM. Guernsey St Stephen: to be NSM, Guernsey St Martin (Winchester). Canon Michael Braithwaite Vicar, Lorion and Loweswater w went, and Team Leader of the Council for Agriculture and Rural Like to resign as team leader but remaining a member of the council and vicar and rural dean

The Rev Stephen Burdett, Vicar, North Dulwich St Faith: to be also Post Ordination Training Leader for the Woolwich Episcopal Area (Southwark).

The Rev Alan Butler, Assistant Curate, Maryport, and Flimby: to be Priest-in-charge, Flimby (Car-

The Rev Derek Walker, Vicar, New Ferry (Chester): to be Rector, Akeman - Chesterton w Middleton Stoney and Wendlebury, and Kirtlington w Bletchingdon, Weston-on-the-Green and Hampton

Gay (Oxford). The Rev Geoffrey van der Weegen, Rector, Stonesfield w Combe: to be also Rural Dean of Woodstock

The Rev Robert Yule, Team Vicar, Bestwood Team Ministry: to be Priest-in-charge, Selston w Westwood (Southwell). The Rev Sister Dawn Watting.

permission to officiate: to be Assistant Curate (NSM), Wraxall All Saints' (Bath & Wells). The Rev Susan Watterson, Assistant Curate, Castletown (Sodor & Man): to be Assistant Chaplain, Bristol University, and Assistant Curate (NSM), Bristol St Michael

and St Paul (Bristol).

Mr Nicholas Edgell, Deputy Diocesan Secretary, Birmingham: to Diocesan Secretary, St Edmundshury & Inswich

Captain Andrew Housley CA: to Holy Trinity, and Youth Coordinator for the Wavertree Parishes (Liverpool). Cantain Malcolm Jackson CA. Homeless Project Officer (Gloucester): to be Area Evangelist. Middlesbrough St Martin (York). Resignations and retirements

The Rev John Godfrey, Assistant Curate (NSM), West Woodhay w Enborne, Hampstead Marshall, inkpen and Combe (Oxford): to retire November In. The Rev Peter Renouf, Vicar. Beedon and Peasemore w West

Isley and Farnborough (Oxford): to retire August 31. The Rev Vernon Scott, Rector, East and West Rudham, Houghtonnext-Harpley, Tattersett and Tatterford, and Priest-in-charge. South Raynham, East w West Raynham, Helhoughton, Weasenham and Wellingham (Norwich): to retire September 30. The Rev Michael Chaffey, Vicar,

Sutton St Michael (York): to retire October 31. The Rev Richard Jay, Rector. Hatch Beauchamp w Beercro-combe, Curry Mallet and West Hatch (Bath & Wells): to retire.

The Rev Patrick Reveil, Vicar. Castle Carv w Ansford, and Rural Dean of Cary and of Bruton: to resign as Rural Dean, remaining Vicar (Bath & Wells). The Rev Ann Turner, Team Vicar, Marlbrook Team (Bath & Wells):

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at The Forthand Hospital, to Earbers and Jeff, a heamiful daughter, Gillian Taylor, and heby makes threef! HARMOUR - On 4th September, to Amba (bee Timme) and lan, a sbn, Kallum Christopher. OMES - On August 30th at The Portland Hospital, to Michael and Kathryn, a beautiful daughter, Elizabeth UGGINS/WILKINSON - To Lindsey and David, on 28th Angust in York, a son, Joshua Harry (Josh). Bustox - On 4th Sepasaher, to Scoty (1866 Gordon) 22d.

George, Australd, a Sister for George, Communication of the 1996 at home, to Risma (nee Mahom) and Richard, a son, Rugh Joseph Paul, a brother for France.

mcLAR - (n September 4th, to Helen (née Page) and David, a daughter, Amelia Chloe Lily, a nister for Max AMOUNT - On 17th August 1996, to Maria Lourdes, a beautiful baby son, Joshua Levi, 90s 4os.
WOLLOCOMBE - On 31st August, to Sophia (née Esmison) and Faul, a son, Hai Thomas. Hal Thomas.

ZEMAM - On 29th August, to
Rebecca (new Aylward) and
Adam, a son, Benedict James
Anthony, a brother for
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ARUMACHALAM - M.V. On 4th September 1996 at his home in Madras following an Hiness Mr M.V. Arunschalam Miness, hr M.V. Avenschalam was Chairsan of EID Farry (India) Ltd. and of Tube hyvestiments of India Ltd. BIOLLO - Edith Mary Ended over in ormation or Edith Mary Capable over information or forwarding of sympathy cands or latters, visions over incompating or information or forwarding of sympathy cands or latters, visions contact. Marganita

Crematory Inc., 13403 St Albert Trail, Edmonton,

DEATHS AMERON - John, on 3rd September aged 91 in Southampton General Hospital Beloved father of riospital. Beloved father of Una and grandfather of Susam. Funeral to be held in Glasgow.

COX - Joan on 4th September, much loved and loving wife to Patrick and mother of Mary, Bill and Nick and granule to her sight gematchildrim. She will be greatly missed by all her friends and relations. Funeral at 12.30 pm on Wednesday 11th September at manufactured and 11st Park Cleam-to-tion. Lestherhead. DAY - Graham Vanghan, on 3rd September 1996, peacafully in Bridge House Nursing House, Twyford He snjoyed his life and hore his later years of disability with dignity. Beloved husband of Gillian, much loved father of Alison and dear brother of Rosamond and Alan (deceased). Funeral Service at Reading Crassatorium at Thursday 12th September at Rosamond and Asm (deceased). Funeral Service at Reading Crematorium on Thursday 12th September at 2 pm. Fundity literens only, but dountions it desired to The Nuffield Orthotics Appeal - Helping People to Walk, may be sent to AR. Walker & Son Ltd., 36 Edon Road, Bending, RCI 4DL. Tel-0118 95774550.
Describing the Sent at 1996, peacefully at home after a peolonged theses, Stephen Conway, aged 56 years. Loved "beyond words, beyond thought, beyond description" by Julia, Harriet and Abigail, a husband and futher of complete integrity. Private Cremation, Thanksgiving Service to be amounced at 2 later date. All details concerning flowers and donations to C. Waterhouse & Sons, tab (01435) 882219.

DEATHS 2.MITT - On 2nd Septem EMSTT-On 2nd September, at the Royal Mansdon Hospital, Cheksan, Diann Mary Webb (née Swingland), beloved wife of Michael, adored mother of Sesie and Bichard and gamdnoother of Wax and isabella, Cremation private. A Thanksgiving Service for her He will take place at All Saints', Waldron on Wednesday 25th September at 2.30 ps. Any enginies to E. Jarvis, Funeral Directors, (01435) 862 833.

HEGGISOR - Kathleyn Jeszie (Katie) née Constable. At home on 1st September aged 74. She died as she had hved, with great digulity, independence of spirit and courage. During the war she served harvely as a sengeant in the ATS un Lundon gun sites. She leaves a devestanted family who all love bers so very inech. Her hasband John, her children Tim, Jane and Sarah, daughter-la-law Ivonne, grandchildren Sandra and Alan and her brother's grandchildren Sandra and Alan and her brother's family in New Zealand. Service at St Joseph's, Highgate Hill, No at 2 pm or Sandra and Sandra a afterwards at family residence. No flowers please. Donations appreciated to the Cancer Relief Macmillan

DEATHS JOHNSOM - On September 4th perceively at Salisbury District Hospital, jessie aged 82 years. Very much loved wife of the late Ernest. Mother of Margaret and mother-in-law of Philip. Granny to Stephen, Jane, Simon and Alison, great-granny to Sebastian, Benjami and Jerzmiah, Fongsal Service at Salisbury Cathedral on Wednesday 11th September at 2 pm. Family Towars and head of the September at 2 pm. Family Towars and head of the September at 2 pm. lith September at 2 pm. Family flowers only but donations would be appreciated for the Estrich Heart Foundation c/o LN. Newman Ltd., Funeral Directors, Griffin House, 55 Winchester Street, Salisbury, Wins., SP1 1911.

MEEP - John Producick Charles, peacefully at home on September 5th in his 91st year. Dearly loved husband of John for 58 years and much loved father and grandfather. Funeral 12.15pm Wednesday September 11th All Saluts, Dulvetton. Family flowers only. Doustieus, if desired, to Age Concern clo J.D. Bodger, Funeral Director, 38 Battleton, Dulvetton TA22 LLOYD - Mary on 1st September 1996 passed away peacefully at home, fortified by the Rises of the Church after a long illness, bravely borne. Wite of Thomas Lloyd, mother of four, grandmother of four, grandmother. A noble woman who never sixteen, great-grandmother, A noble woman who never considered hereif. No flowers by request but donations to The North London Hospics, 47 Woodside Avenue, London

PERSONAL COLUMN DEATHS McCARTIE - Denis Henry passed away pascatally on 2nd September 1996. Funeral Service Thursday 12th September at St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Kingston Rond, New Malden, at 10 nm, followed by interment at Kingston Cameters, No Lowers please

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WCMARD - Amy Berma, in nor. 59th year, peacefully at Cozhill Manor Nursing Home, Chobham, Sursey, Beloved widow of Lestie, mother of David and Lowens, grandmother of Jonnifer, Smoon, Esquiries to Woking Punezal Service (10483) 772566.

by interment at Kingstot Cumeter, No Howers plans but donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation of 14 Fizzhardings Street, London WI or Imperial Cancer Research Fond, 44 Lincoln's lam Fields, London WC2. MORTON - On September 5th, littina (née Obolemsky), wife of George, mother of Anna and Geordie and of Serge Beddington-Behrenz. Cremation private.

NOT-Hertic died pencefully at home in Surbiton on September 3rd after a long and unseitish life lived with great gallantry and good humony. SLOT - Marjoria paged away Wednesday 4th September Will be greatly nelsed by Moy, Sally, Nicola, Sara and

TEASDALE - Ronald on Soptember 2nd 1996 peacefully in hospital after a long liness, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Suvice at North Devon Cromatorium, Barnstaple, Pakkry September 6th, 3 pa. No flowers, donations if desired to Action for Dysphaeks Adults.

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WERNEY - On September 3rd, Antony, father of Engenie and grandfather of Claire. Funeral Service at Golders Green Cressplorium, London NWII on Twesday September 10th at 12.15 pm. Flowers and enquiries to Kenyon Funeral Directors, tel: (0171) 935-3728.

WALYER - On Thursday September 5th 1996 at Chialehourst, Stephen John aged 45 years. Beloved hasband of jo, eldest son of Susan and of the late Michael Walter. Regulen-Mans at 12 heldey on Pethy September 13th at 8 Mary's R.C. Church, Crown Lane, Chighingst, Kunt Donations Caisichurs, Kent Donations
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DEATHS WHITTAKER - Valda (Vi)
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Clem Thomas, rugby player, journalist and businessman. died of a heart attack on September 5 aged 67. He was born on January 28, 1929.

There was no larger than life character in rugby than R.C.C. Clem Thomas. He was the scourge of opposing back lines as a rampaging back row forward, and when his career finally ended in 1959, he picked up the pen to write with similar conviction on the sport he loved.

He enjoyed nothing more than a good challenge, and away from the field of play he twice stood as a Liberal candidate in his native West Wales. Although he failed to get elected, he went on to stand as an MEP. He was a fierce critic of rugby's governing bodies, and his forthright views were broadcast across the world. Moreover, they were listened to and respected by all.

He died of a heart attack at his Swansea home just two hours after completing a radio interview about the current strife afflicting Welsh rugby. Ironically, his death occurred only hours before it was announced that the five nations' championship he had adorned as a player in the 1950s had been saved from the sporting scrapheap. Born in Cardiff, Richard

Clement Charles Thomas was sent to Blundell's School in Tiverton, Devon. His debut for Wales came at Cardiff Arms Park in 1946, when the Welsh Secondary Schools Under-19 team defeated the English Public Schools 11-9. At the time he was described

as "a hardworking, fast and intelligent wing-forward". He never lost those qualities in his senior career, yet added a steely, uncompromising edge to his play. He won three more school-

boy caps in 1946 and 1947. never ending on the losing side, before going up to Cam-

bridge. He won a Blue in the 1949 defeat by Oxford, yet a year earlier he had helped the students to take Cardiff's 18month ground record with a magnificent triumph at the Arms Park.

By the time he won his Blue

he had already played for Wales. That honour came in the final game of the 1949 five nations' championship against France at Stade Colombes. It proved to be an inauspicious start for the 20year-old as Wales slumped to their third defeat of the series and picked up the wooden He had to wait three years.

and 12 games, for his next international, although it proved to be a wholly more agreeable experience. This time Wales ran out 14-3 victors over Ireland at Lansdowne Road; he scored a try and made another, and Wales became winners of the triple crown. He quickly developed into a permanent fixture and eventually captained his coun-

# **CLEM THOMAS**

try nine times in 1958 and 1959, leading them to five wins.

Arguably his most famous moment came in the 1953 international at the Arms Park against New Zealand. He had been in the Swansea side that had held the tourists to a 6-6 draw a week earlier, but played a key role in helping Wales to go one better on December 19, 1953.

The game was locked at 8-8 with five minutes to play when Thomas, who had earlier done thity as an emergency wing while Gareth Griffiths was having his dislocated shoulder replaced, snatched up the ball on the All Blacks' 22 on the South Stand side

He looked across the field to the wide open spaces and let fly with the most famous cross-kick in postwar rugby. Ken Jones, Wales's Olympic sprinter on the wing, raced in to gather the bouncing ball, swerved past the New Zealand full back Ron Jarden and scored at the posts. Wales won the game 13-8 and Thomas joined the ranks of those Welsh immortals who have played on a winning side against New Zealand.

For Swansea, he played in the sides that fell to narrow defeats against the 1951 Springboks and 1957 Wallabies, but he led the Welsh team to a 9-3 triumph over Australia in 1958. The determination of the

man was best epitomised by his refusal to return from the British Lions tour of South Africa in 1955 after having his appendix removed. Far from being held back by the experience, he went on to play a vital role in helping the Lions to share the series, playing in two tests, including the 9-6 win in Pretoria. His 26th and final Welsh

cap came against France in 1959 and had a similar result to his debut, a defeat in Paris. No sooner had he hung up his boots than he picked up the pen and began a new career in journalism writing for The

Clem Thomas was a wholesale butcher by trade in the family business — indeed one opponent described him as the only man he knew to take his profession onto the field with him. He went on to work as The Observer's chief rugby writer, a position he held for almost 35 years. He finished with the paper two years ago and stepped across the broad-sheets to write for the Indepen-dent on Sunday. He was twice rewarded in

the annual Whitbread/Rugby World Honours for his services to journalism and was a character who could light up any press box or press conference. He wrote the book Welsh Rugby with Geoff Nicholson in 1980 and was in the process of proof-reading the official history of the British Lions.

He is survived by his four children from his first marriage in 1954 to Anne, and also by his second wife, Joyce, whom he married in 1980. Öne of his sons is also a Cambridge



# **EMILY KNGWARREYE**



Emily Kngwarreve Aboriginal artist, died in hospital in Alice Springs on September 2. She is thought to have been born in about 1910.

**EMILY KNGWARREYE was** one of Australia's leading artists. Although she only started painting in 1988, when she was well into her seventies, her achievement was immense. The spontaneity of her colour-filled work projected Aboriginal art to a new and international audience. Her paintings were eagerly acquired by public galleries and private collectors alike.

Emily Kame Kngwarreye who became known simply by her Christian name. Emily was born in Alalgura (Soakage Bore) at Utopia, northeast of Alice Springs. An Eastern Anmanyerre speaker, she did not see any white people until she was about nine years old. As a young woman she

worked as a stockhand on various properties in the area. She also learnt the sacred traditions of her people, having been adopted by Jacob Jones, a senior lawman in the Alyawarre community, and instructed by him. She became a leader in the women's ceremonial business at Utopia.

Aboriginal ceremonial business has a strong visual element, with bold body decoration and the mapping out of dreamtime stories in the sand with coloured earths, grasses and feathers, but it was only in the 1970s that these traditional motifs began to be used as

At Utopia in 1977 Jenny Green, a visiting linguist.

programme for the women. They began with batik-making, adapting their traditional body-markings and forms to this medium. Emily's work, even then, stood out for its freedom and vigour. in 1988-89 the women's

group, under a new art adviser. Rodney Gooch, began working with acrylics on canvas. and Emily responded eagerly to this new challenge. It was, she found, a medium more suited to the bold immediacy of her style. From then, up to a few days before her death, she continued to paint with extraordinary power and Although to European eyes

her pictures might appear almost abstract, they in fact depict her country - its animal and vegetable life, its terrain, its mythical origins, its changing patterns, the in-terweaving life-cycles and mythical meanings. Emily's painting technique

from the start, was individual and distinctive, marked by boldness of colour and strength of design. Her extraordinary talent was recognised almost at once. In 1990 Emily's work was shown at two very successful onewoman shows in Sydney, and in 1902 she received an Australian Artist's Creative Fellowship from the Government.

Much alarm was occasioned at this time, when Emily (who spoke no English) appeared to think that the A\$110,000 award was a sort of retirement present and was contingent upon her stopping painting. Happily, however. this confusion was soon cleared up. It was fortunate established an arts-and-crafts not only for the art world, but



also for Emily herself: she loved to paint and even during her period of doubt had continued to work, telling her friends not to tell Paul Keating, then Prime Minister. then Australian

By 1993 she had been represented in more than 50 exhibitions around the world. She had her first solo show in Britain in 1994 at the Rebecca Hossack Gallery, London. In the seven years since Emily began painting, her style grew simpler and more

expressive. She shifted from

using great light-filled splodges of colour to a more stark, linear style. Her masterpiece in this manner - Big Yam Dreaming - painted in white on a black ground, was recently presented to the National Gallery of Victoria, where it was hailed as Australia's equivalent to Jackson

Pollock's Blue Poles. A tiny figure — barely five feet high — Emily painted sitting on the ground, holding the brush in either hand and pushing the paint onto the canvas in bold dabs as she

worked with steady concentration from the outside edge of the canvas towards the centre. Her great success did inev-

itably bring some problems. There was constant pressure on her to produce, not only from art dealers but also from her own extended family, who, after the Aboriginal fashion, shared in her financial rewards (and it is estimated that she earned as much as \$A500.00 a year by her painting). Inevitably, with such demands upon her, she produced some work of lesser quality. And there are even those who see the simplification of her late style as a means of producing work more quickly.

For the most part, however, she loved her success, enjoying the opportunities it gave her to give presents to friends and relatives. She had no children of her own. She continued, until the end, to live the traditional Aboriginal life, gathering food in the bush and sleeping out in her bough shelter at Soakage Bore.

Bob Brown, former Labour MP and junior minister, died on September 3 aged 75. He was born on May 16, 1921.

NEWCASTLE-upon-Tyne MP for more than 20 years and a junior minister in three separate departments during the Wilson and Callaghan Governments, Bob Brown was classic "old" Labour. He believed in loyalty to his leaders but he believed even more firmly in his party's traditional policies, particularly public ownership and partnership with trade unions.

He entered the Commons, like many of his colleagues. through the local government and trade union route. But unlike most of them he had practical experience of manual work. He was a plumber and

gas fitter by trade.

Brown joined the Labour
Party when he was 16 and served in every capacity from ward worker to constituency agent. He proceeded to Newcastle County Borough Council where he became Commons in 1966 where he immediately became a notable battler for the interests of the North of England. Ironically, in view of Labour's present policies, his then conventional views were regarded as unassailably right of centre.

Robert Crofton Brown was born in Newcastle and educated at elementary school, technical school and at Rutherford College. He started work as an apprentice plumber before

serving in the war with the Royal Signals. On his return he became a district inspector with the Northern Gas Board.

**BOB BROWN** 

He was always a keen union man but his activities turned more and more to the political field. For 16 years he was secretary and agent of the Newcastle West constituency party and during this time he

was elected to Newcastle County Borough Council. planning the new Scotswood Bridge.

Then, in 1966, he inherited the Newcastle West seat of Ernest (later Lord) Popplewell and increased the 1964 majority of 8,454 to 12,217. In the House he was a stout supporter of the Wilson Government against its left-wing critics. He fought vigorously for the rights of elderly and disabled passengers to obtain travel

In 1968, just two years after entering the Commons, he was rewarded for his loyalty and Geordie common sense by being appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Min-istry of Transport. The 1970 Heath victory returned him to the back benches, but when Labour was returned to office in the first of the two 1974 elections he was made Parliamentary Under-Secretary for

Social Security. Then, in October 1974, after Wilson won again he became Under-Secretary for the Army. Here the former signaller was in his element. He had always had a tough attitude about defence, in contrast to the views of many of his colleagues, and the Army in turn appreciated his commitment. Out of office when the

Conservatives won in 1979, he devoted himself to getting a better deal for the North East. He complained constantly of Whitehall cuts in Newcastle's funding, and predicted that the Trident policy would affect naval service vessels and therefore his local shipyards. pigeon racing. He switched from New-

castle West to Newcastle North in 1983 as a result of boundary changes, and in 1987 he decided to retire from Westminster. He had not lost his interest in politics, however, and became a Newcastle councillor again.

He married Marjorie Hogg in 1945. She survives him together with a son and daughter.

## THE VEN DAVID SCOTT

The Ven David Scott former Archdeacon of Stow, died on August 31 aged 72. He was born on June 19, 1924.

CHORISTER at Westminster School; Trinity Hail, Cambridge; Cuddesdon Theological College, Oxford; curacy at St Mark's, Portsea: these are the ingredients for the formation of a Church of England clergyman in the best conventional mould, and David Scott fitted it with distinction.

He was, however, never a conformist. For example, he was in the stream of ex-public school ex-officers who were influenced into the Church's ordained ministry by the powerful combination at Trinity Hall of Lancelot Fleming, Owen Chadwick and Tony Tremlett: but David Scort's war background was excep-tionally different. He had registered as a conscientious objector and worked for Italian prisoners-of-war.

After a brief spell in the London University Chaplaincy he became Vicar of Old Brumby in Scunthorpe in

1959. Here, far from settling into the parochial conven-tions, he helped to initiate a remarkable period of close cooperation across the parishes of the town.

At the heart of this movement was a formightly meeting where the clergy tussled with the radical theology of the Sixties. Scott fought from the conservative corner but he never took shelter in it, and his passion for teamwork helped to draw together men with deep diversities of outlook.

Moving to Boston in 1966, he quickly created a happy staff-team. The Rector of Boston has a weighty civic as well as ecclesiastical responsibility which Scott carried well, but for him it included befriending the cockle-fishermen (he was the only parson they would allow on their fishing trips) and working with potato-pickers. He even joined the wildfowlers, complete with gun, though he never returned home with a duck: he was a keen birdwatcher.

When he became Archdeacon of Stow in 1975, it was soon discovered that his slightly

aloof, conventional manner was only the appearance of the man, though he was not to be trifled with. He held his convictions with passion and was quite fearless in expressing them when they were unpopular. He wasted no time on self-indulgence, of attitudes or of ideas, and was sharply witty in debunking them. Yet he was deeply sensitive to genuine suffering and went to great lengths to reach people whom he saw outcast. His qualities became widely

recognised and sought after, in and beyond the Diocese of Lincoln. His appointment as Chaplain to the Queen in 1984 was welcomed as a welldeserved distinction.

He continued to give service of many kinds from his retirement home in Southwell, in particular to the Westminster Old Choristers' Association, the Woodard Schools, and the newly formed Ecclesiastical Law Society, of which he was executive officer in its formative years.

He is survived by his wife Christine and their two adult children.

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#### Retirement of Mr. Hunter Through Illness

The British players' effort to maintain their hold on the American Amateur Golf Championship came to an end early this afternoon in a way which, although unexpected, could not cause any surprise to those present here who can realise all the circumstances of terrible difficulty under which play in this event has been carried on. There have been in the past many games played and won by golfers who would have been better in bed. The case of Mr. Norman Hunter, of the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers, furnishes another and a splendid example: he would have finished his match against Mr. Warren Wood in the third round here to-day, at a very serious risk, if the utmost compulsion had not been brought to bear upon him. Mr. Hunter, although saying nothing and making no excuses, was suffering intensely from the heat yesterday, but how much he was suffering only he himself knew Incr

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Bernard Darwin had been dispatched to cover the US event for The Times because Harold Hilton was the holder of the title, the only Briton to do so.

night he confided to friends that he had felt so ill in the morning that he would have given up the game if it would not have looked so bad before the American public. He had no food all day, but for all that he played something like his best game when he had hardly strength to stand, and he beat his man. This morning he came forward pluckily to the first tee. He made no complaint, but, bracing himself up as he addressed his ball, made a fine drive straight down the

known, however, that he was again feeling extremely unwell and had still taken no food. He played gamely through the round and was two up at one point and one down at the end of 18 holes. When he returned to the clubhouse, he was obliged to tell the officials that he was feeling worse and would like to see a doctor. Two doctors at once agreed that, while his case was not serious, it certainly would be so if he attempted to play any more, and they strictly forbade him to do so. Mr. Hunter protested, and said that, as he had gone so far, he would finish the match. It would have been something near suicide, so the doctors told me, and their advice was backed up by the officials of the United States Golf Association who said that they would in kindness absolutely refuse to allow him to play any more that day. In these circumstances, Mr. Hunter yielded. He was put to bed and ice was applied to his head. The doctors have given me assurances that no anxiety what ever need be felt

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# NEWS

## Major called as witness in libel case

■ John Major and Michael Heseltine have been asked to appear as witnesses in a £1 million libel case next month. They have been subpoenaed by The Guardian newspaper, along with the Cabinet Secretary Sir Robin Butler and the former Chief Whip Richard Ryder, to give evidence in a case being brought by the Conservative MP Neil Hamilton.

If he attended, Mr Major would be the first Prime Minister to be required to give evidence in court, although his lawyers may contest the subpoena...

#### England return to five nations rugby

The five nations' championship was saved yesterday at a meeting between representatives of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. The championship was in danger because the 

#### Heart op for Yeltsin

President Yeltsin has announced that he will undergo a heart operation later this month to treat a vear-old affliction ...... Pages I, 12

#### New threat to Kurds

Turkish warplanes have attacked suspected bases of Turkish Kurds inside the safe area of northern ...... Pages 1 13 Losing their glow

A research project to find ways to raise luminous creatures in captivity has come to a standstill for lack of funds...

#### Tax offensive

Kenneth Clarke led the Tory assault on Labour's tax policy. claiming that the average family will be £700 a year better off by next year ..... ...Page 2

#### Stolen heart

A teenage girl held hostage with her family for four hours by a gang secretly dated one of the robbers for three weeks before telling police... ...Page 3

#### All in the game

A board game that kept the Romans amused down the centuries has been found laid out and ready to play in a 2,000-year-old burial site in Essex.... ....Page 3

# Diplomat faces jail

Robert Coghlan, a senior British diplomat, faces a seven-year prison sentence for smuggling paedophile videos into ... Page 5

#### Ethnic monitoring

Black pupils are to be monitored from the ages of five to 16 under a ten-point plan to combat their declining performance at

#### Supply dries up

Two water companies are to have their licences reviewed after an ancient lake in the Duke of Norfolk's Arundel estate ran dry. The companies are accused of taking too much water from the ....Page 9

#### France dissents

France has refused to help patrol the new extended no-fly zone over southern Iraq but agreed to continue policing areas previously declared off-limits to Iraqi aircraft.... ... Page 13

#### Out of court

On the first day of the tax evasion trial of Peter Graf, lawyers have managed to keep his daughter Steffi, the tennis star, out of the witness box even though the case centres entirely on her .. Page 14 earnings.....

## Buthelezi says sorry

Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, leader of the Zulu-led Inkatha Freedom Party, made an unprecendented apology to President Mandela and the ANC at the Truth and Reconcilation Commission but denied having any personal role in political

#### America bored by Oasis bad boy act

Man An attempt by Liam Gallagher, the lead singer of Oasis, to extend his notoriety across the Atlantic has fallen flat. Gallagher spat, clutched his crotch and swore during an awards ceremony in New York but his antics were largely ignored by the audience and the press, who seemed surprised that he had bothered to show up at all Page 10



Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, left, with Makcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, in London yesterday

#### BUSINESS

Economy: Britain's high streets are now seeing their best business since the late 1980s, according to the CBI. ...Page 23

Lonrho: Lonrho is delaying the E700 million stockmarket flotation of its hotel division and is considering making a trade sale in-..Page 23

Bad weather: A sharp increase in worldwide weather claims dented pre-tax profits for Royal and Sun Alliance as it reported its first interim results as a merged com-....Page 23

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 14.5 points to close at 3887.2. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 85.6 to 85.8 after a rise from \$1.5658 to \$1.5680 and from DM2.3202 to DM2.3280....Page 26

# SPORT

Motor racing: Damon Hill said that his dismissal by the Williams team had only served to increase his determination to win the world drivers' championship ..... Page 44 Cricket: Michael Atherton will captain England on their winter tours to Zimbabwe and New Zealand.

Football: The 15 Premiership clubs in the second round of the Coca-Cola Cup have all drawn lowerdivision opposition. Chelsea visit Blackpool and Middlesbrough go to Hereford .... ....Page 41

He has led England 35 times since

Equestrianism: Mary King's run of success continued when she and Star Appeal took a comfortable lead on the first day of the Burghley Horse Trials... \_Page 41

### ARTS

Dream team: London sees a pair of Midsummer Night's Dreams: Yukio Ninagawa's production at the Mermaid and Northern Broadsides at the Globe .....Page 31

Second chances: In a new initiative, the British Film Institute is to offer professional public readings of British film scripts awaiting the kiss of life .... ... Page 31

Musical treats: David Freeman stages The Magic Flute on the South Bank: while the Albert Hall hears new works by James Mac-Millan and James Dillon.. Page 32 Pop on Friday: The Pet Shop Boys

go a touch South American on their fine new album Bilingual, while REM find a new lease of magic in the potent brew of their New Adventures in Hi-Fi ...

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IN THE TIMES

JANE'S WORLD

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# FEATURES

Valorio Grove talks to Antonia Fraser about her much-praised book The Gunpowder Plot. "I find the burning of effigies disgusting." she says ... Wrong soap: Tony Blair popped

but, says Candida Crewe, he should have chosen East-Enders\_\_\_ Poison pen: Amanda Craig's new

into Coronation Street last week

book has had writers searching for themselves among the characters...

#### EDUCATION Too much: More and more teachers are leaving the profession because they are unable to withstand the increasing pressures and stress at work .... .... Page 35

Comprehensive success: Maibank school beat Haileybury and Stowe in A-level rankings, even though it increased its numbers of

THE PAPERS The French have been subject to the economic crisis for six years. Economic growth is dragging. Unemployment is not falling. Revenues are stagnating. Tax and social security charges have done nothing but grow. That is enough to explain the despondency which has seized the country. For months, many

French people have felt as if they

are rowing against the current

#### TV LISTINGS

Preview: More trouble looms for 3 Nigel Le Vaillant's police surgeon, on duty and off it. Dangerfield (BBC1, 9.30pm). Review: Matthew Bond sees an EastEnders' star go back to the 1950s .....

#### OPINION

#### Heart and head

President Yeltsin has been brave about his health; but about his political future, he is showing himself to be as nervous as any .....Page 19 Bolshevik .....

#### Man and minotaur

The decipherment of Linear B was an inspirational act. It happened at around the same time as the first ascent of Everest and caught the same Coronation spirit ..... Page 19

#### Time lords

It might seem perverse for France to be opting out of single European time when it is so insistent that it will be at the rendezvous for the single currency..... ..... Page 19

# COLUMNS

#### BERNARD LEVIN

There is no point in going over the details of the people who lived cheek by jowl with her and did not notice the dreadful dying of Karen Morgan; suffice it to say that they must have been blind, deaf and stupid, until they noticed that she was dead......Page 18

#### MAGNUS LINKLATER

Words such as "farce", "débacle", "ridicule", "collapse", "silly" and "incompetent" have been the stuff of headlines. The Scotsman called it "a piteous spectacle"; the Herald concluded that Labour was gambling with the political future of the country...

# PATRICK MAYHEW

Events in Northern Ireland over the summer have shown that the old prejudices can still erupt all too

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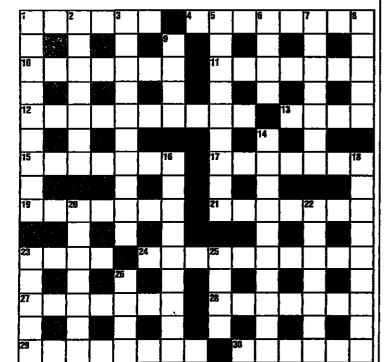
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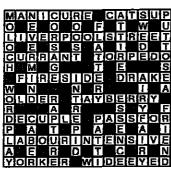
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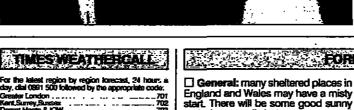
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